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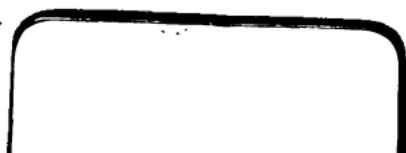


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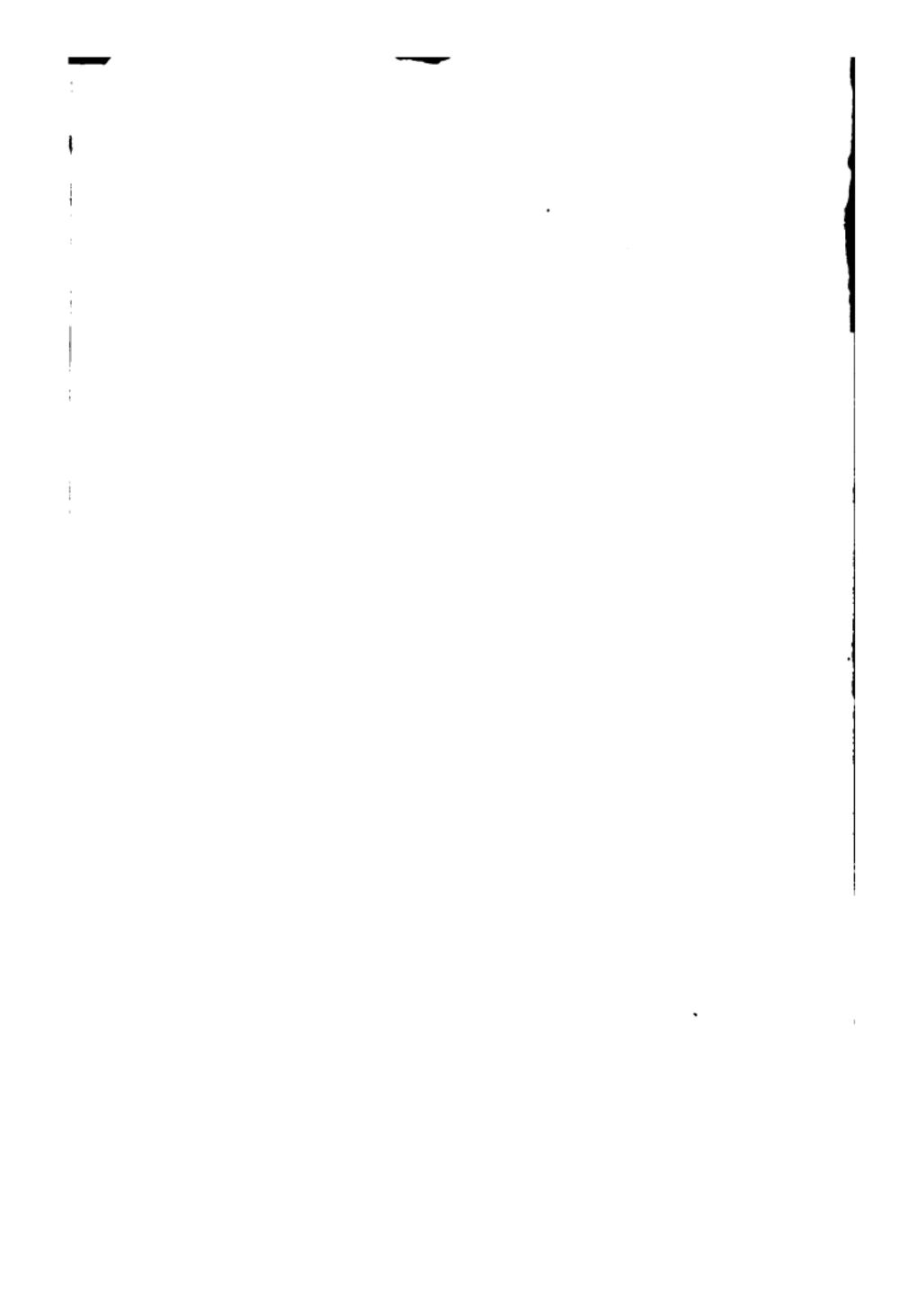
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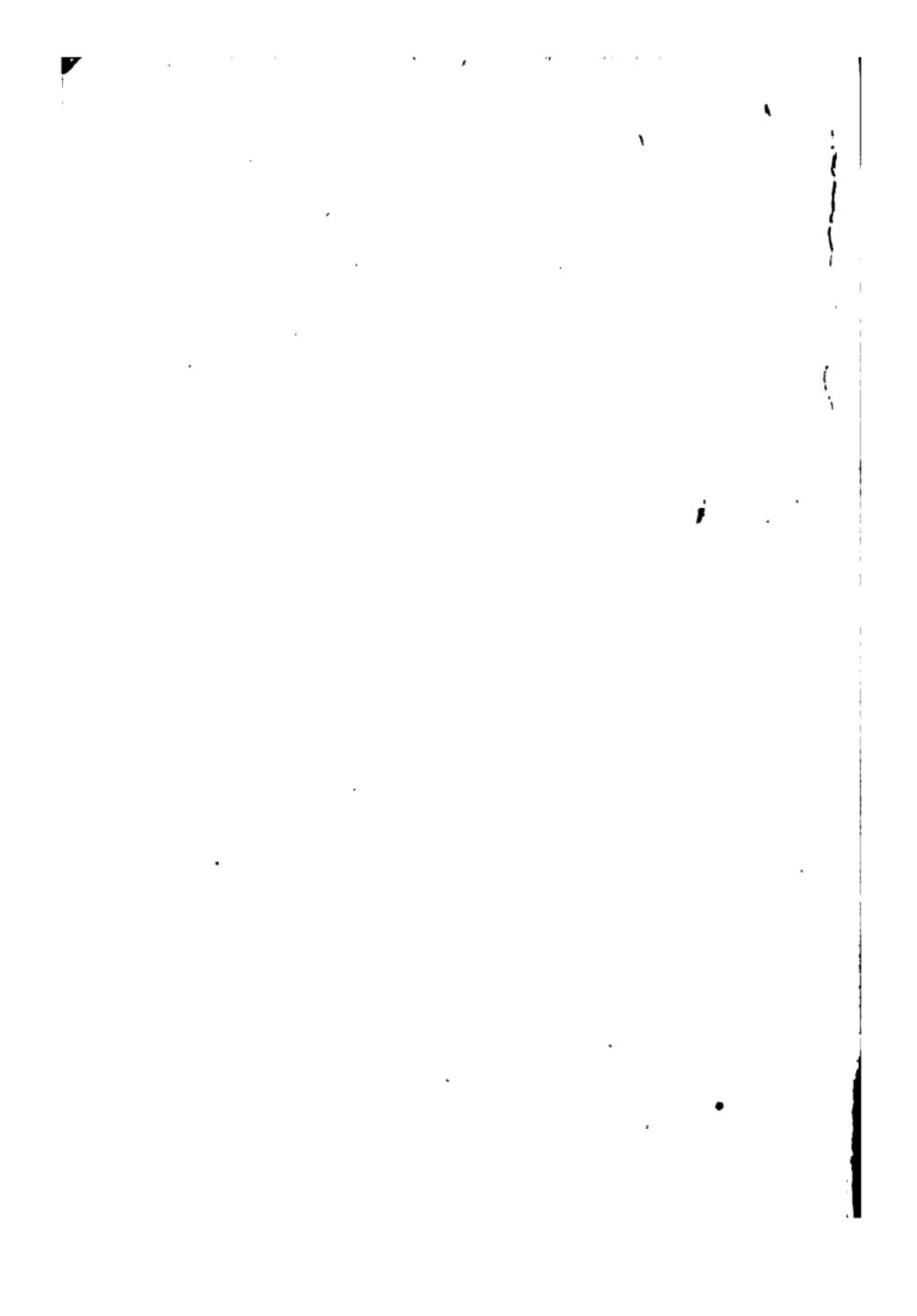






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TO DO THE LIKE; OUR BODIES BUT FORERUN
THE SPIRIT'S DUTY: TRUE HEARTS SPREAD AND HEAVE
UNTO THEIR GOD AS FLOWERS DO TO THE SUN;
GIVE HIM THY FIRST THOUGHTS THEN; SO SHALT THOU KEEP
HIM COMPANY ALL DAY, AND IN HIM SLEEP.

WALK WITH THY FELLOW-CREATURES; NOTE THE HUSH
AND WHISPERINGS AMONG THEM. NOT A SPRING
OR LEAF BUT MATH HIS MORNING HYMN; EACH BUSH
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O, LEAVE THY CARES AND FOLLIES! GO THIS WAY,
AND THOU ART SURE TO PROSPER ALL THE DAY.

HENRY VAUGHAN.
1696.





Preface.

THE late lamented Rev. THOMAS J. YOUNG, assistant minister of St. Michael's church, Charleston, S. C., among the last of his most faithful and earnest labors for "Christ and the Church," prepared the present volume for the press, with the brief and modest introductory note which follows:

"The American Editor, in revising this volume for publication, has had occasion to make very few alterations, excepting such as are called for by the nature of our political institutions and the phraseology of the American Prayer Book. Occasionally, an expression, liable to be misunderstood and therefore to interfere with the general circulation of a most unexceptionable and evangelical 'Book of Devotions,' has been changed; but this has been deemed necessary in not more than two or three instances.

"The additions to the volume have been so few, as scarcely require to be mentioned. Several sentences from Bishop Cosin's 'Collection of Private Devotions,' have been added to the 'Directions concerning the Method of Daily Devotion:' and, in an Appendix, have been introduced Daily Devotions for the third, sixth, and ninth hours of the day, taken from a little volume, entitled 'The Hours.'

"These are all the additions which the Editor has deemed it advisable to make at the present time. It was in contemplation to throw into the form of an Appendix, brief instructions for those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and the Supper of the Lord; but the fear of adding too much to the size and cost of the volume, has prevented this. Should the work meet with the success which it merits as a Book of Private Devotions deserve, these additions may be made in a second edition. In the mean time, he heartily commends it to all the members of the Church, being well assured that the constant use of it will be for their souls' health. Z. J. Y."



Introduction.

To write a recommendatory preface to a book of devotions is a somewhat perplexing task; it is a subject on which so much may be said, and yet so very little need be said. If there is a work which can recommend itself, one which it seems almost presumptuous to speak for, it is a manual of this sort,—a book of prayers—a guide to the presence-chamber of the Almighty—a collection of “words” for sinners to take with them, and turn to the Lord:—and though much may be written, and very profitably too, on the subject of prayer, its blessedness, its dignity, its efficacy, the comfort of using it, the danger of neglecting it, yet this is hardly the proper place for such an essay to be introduced; this is not a book to sit down and read, but to kneel down and use; there is no need to describe and recommend what we are actually about to feel and to enjoy: no one would keep children from their parents' arms with a lecture on filial affection, or detain hungry guests from a promised banquet by a long invitatory

harangue. The few words, therefore, which I shall venture to prefix to this work shall consist simply in a short account of the object with which it was compiled, and one or two remarks on certain peculiarities of its construction.

In the first place, no apology is required for its appearance, or rather reappearance: many works of a similar nature were indeed already published when the "Horæ Sacræ" first offered itself to notice; but it soon met with such acceptance that the first edition was presently exhausted; and the only fault objected to it was the smallness of its size, and it was very generally suggested, that the same work enlarged would be still more approved. This requirement has now been complied with; and it is confidently hoped that its present larger bulk will not be found more than in proportion to its increased utility.

It is, indeed, one of the most favorable features of the present time, in a spiritual point of view, that there should be so rapid a demand for books of a devotional character, such as are intended to assist the Christian in the work of private prayer, and confession, and self-examination: this must surely prove that there is much real good going on; that piety is increasing not only in extent but in soundness and simplicity; she is retiring from the corners of the streets, to which some would have thrust her, to the closet and the silent sanctuary, so as not to be

seen of men, but to be alone with God. Now, to persons so impressed, novelty is in itself one of the least recommendations in a book of this kind ; nay, they would rather shrink from mere novelty as from something untried, and, perhaps, unsafe : and yet, in one sense, that this is a new edition of a new book may, we think, not only be pardoned, but even allowed as a claim for additional respect ; when it is considered that its novelty consists, not in the adoption of the last new vanity of the present day, but in the recovery of more and more of the holy character of days gone by. It will be found to contain various devotional relics of the older saints of our Church, fresh treasures dug up from the too much neglected field of antiquity : such pieces are in their very nature unobtrusive, and require searching out : oftentimes they are not discovered till after the death of their authors, and at any time many who would eagerly read their controversial works, or gladly listen to their sermons, would have much less relish for their prayers and meditations. Devotion, like its great Master, doth not strive nor cry, neither is its voice heard in the streets. For some of the most valuable gems in this collection we are indebted to persons who have left scarce any memorial ; whilst others will be found to be the compositions of men whom we knew to be distinguished for talent, rank, and public labors in the Church, but who now come before us in a new light, as men of an humble,

contrite spirit—men of prayer. It is hoped, therefore, that whatever is new in this edition will be received, as tending to an increase of catholicity in more ways than one,—in authorship, by thus gathering of every sort, whereby is shown how the Church has always in every age walked by the same rule, and minded the same thing—in spirit, by its near approach to the model of our holy liturgy, of which so many extracts are inserted—and in variety of subject, whereby is set forth the great principle, that there is no lawful work or pursuit, which we are not called upon daily and hourly to sanctify with the word of God and with prayer.

It is, indeed, a subject of much thankfulness, not only that the spirit of prayer has in so striking a manner revived in the Church, but also that it seems to be of so satisfactory a character,—not the mere offspring of excited feelings, disdaining helps, and striking out new ways for itself,—but content to walk in the old paths, and gladly availing itself of all proper means that it can find for its guidance and support; such a spirit, in short, as will use aright, give life to, and draw life from, a form of prayer. The importance of such forms, as helps to devotion, has always, indeed, been acknowledged by persons of sterling piety; yet still there are some, I believe, of real religious character, who have been taught to entertain a prejudice against them, as rather deadening to the spirit, as suited only to the cold for-

malist, and not to the fervent worshipper ; and who fancy that to pray in the spirit is, in one word, not to pray with a book : and we meanwhile, who have been in the habit of using them, have stood too much merely on the defensive : content to prove that there was no harm in having them, we have neglected to show the danger of being without them : just vindicating ourselves from the charge of formality in praying with a form, we have failed to expose the presumption of praying without one.

Is this going too far ? Is this taking too high ground ? In the first place, did not our Saviour not merely authorize but enjoin the use of a form of prayer ? did he not teach his disciples to pray ? did he not, that is, put a form of prayer into their mouths even as John also put a form into the mouths of his disciples ? and was not he in this, as in every thing else, a pattern for us ? was not this action of his, like all the rest of his actions, his imitable ones at least, intended to be the first of a series of similar ones to be carried on by his people after him ? Has not, then, *the taught form of prayer* divine authority ? I do not say, are we not justified in using it ? but, should we be justified if we neglected to do so ? If he so taught us, are not we bound so to teach one another ? if he bade his disciples use a form, are we right if we presume to pray without one ? And, in fact, we find this principle clearly asserted and constantly acted upon in the Church. There appears

Indeed to be hardly any relative religious duty in which the holy men of old were more diligent followers of Christ than this, in teaching their flocks to pray, as he also taught his disciples. There were few among them who were not composers of prayers, with which they themselves prayed first, and which, after having thus proved them, they made over to the service of the Church. Our whole liturgy is, in fact, a collection of such spiritual weapons, sorted and arranged for public use.

Who are we, then, that we should pretend to dispense with that which the holy Church has thus carefully provided for us? Who are we, that we should think of despising what the holiest and best of men have used themselves, and recommended and made over to us? What, indeed, is the whole of our religious system, as drawn from the Bible, and in operation in the Church, but this!—a system of ordinances for producing spiritual effects—forms pregnant with blessings—material steps for ascending the heights of holiness, simple *means*, in short, which may not be rested in, still less be dispensed with, but which must be used, faithfully used, and which, when thus used, are the channels of grace to the soul. Such is “the foolishness of preaching;” such are the simple waters of baptism; such is the Lord’s supper; such is the laying on of hands; such is the gathering together of the Church for united prayer,—all these have one and the

same characteristic—most simple, and yet most powerful; mean in themselves, precious only in the treasures of grace connected with them, the halo of glory which shines around them. It is in analogy with these, as a simple means to a most important end, that the pious Christian uses a form of prayer in private, which is to him individually what the liturgy is to the Church collectively—a helper of his faith, a quickener of his devotion, an inspirer of good thoughts, a suggester of suitable petitions; by it and through it he rises to communion with God: he might perhaps do without it, but he is safer with it: piety may for a moment slumber over it, but it is too sure ere long to evaporate without it. The fact is, that in this, as in all the rest, our wants have been consulted, our weakness provided for, by Him who knows much better than we do what we want, and how weak we are. We want outward forms to lay hold of and attract the outward man, that so by them an entrance may be obtained into the inward man, and, through the senses, a lodging may be effected in the heart. We are not all flesh, therefore we want more than the mere form; we are not all spirit, therefore we cannot yet do without the form: we are a mixture of flesh and spirit, under a course of divine renewal; and in this state, so far from being able to dispense with the appliances which are afforded us, we need them all, we need them to begin, to continue, to strengthen good holy

feelings within us. Without the form, the spirit of prayer never could begin, nor, when begun, be duly carried on.

Let those, therefore, who condemn forms of prayer, be counselled to beware lest, while they claim for themselves more spirituality than the rest of their brethren, they be haply found fighting against God, disobeying the Church, mistaking the mind of the Spirit, and ignorant of their real condition and necessities. And let the humble Christian go on using his forms of prayer without fear, and he will soon find the benefit of them : he will find that, so far from deadening his spirit, they rouse and quicken it ; so far from cramping and fettering the mind, they enlarge and expand it ; so that, in fact, the best way to pray well without a form, is to begin by praying with one : and as an expert musician will first play the written tune over and over, and then, when filled with the harmony of it, will break out into beautiful variations and expansions of the original air, as the spirit of music within him gives them utterance, so will the devout Christian first use the written forms of prayer, and then when his heart is filled with holy and heavenly affections, he will give vent to spontaneous expressions of love, and joy, and attachment to his God.—expressions, in one sense, his own, but for which he is originally indebted to the humble instrument which first aroused such feeling within him.

With respect to the authors of these prayers, it would have been a pleasing task to have given a short account of the lives, and labors, and sufferings of each of them, especially as there are some whose names are almost new to us—to have made suitable mention of Spinckes, of whom I find it recorded, that, “he had no wealth, few enemies, many friends;” of Kettlewell, who “was learned without pride, devout without affectation, heartily zealous for the interest of religion without faction;” and of that most holy man, Bishop Andrewes, of whose book of devotions we are told, that “it was found after his death worn in pieces with his fingers, and wet with his tears.” But this must not be now. I will only remark, how sweet, how solemn is the feeling produced by the sight of the prayers of so many holy men thus brought together; it reminds us of the golden vials which we read of in the book of Revelation, “full of odours, which are the prayers of saints;” and when we use them, does it not seem as though we were losing for the time our individual character, and joining the devotions of the Church Catholic, alone and yet in company, in company with the spirits of the just made perfect, as well as with those of the living, who are still striving for perfection: by these prayers, they who are dead do yet speak; they pray by our lips, and we pray in their words: we need not pray for them, we must not pray to them, but we do pray with them, when

we use their forms of devotion; and we praise God for them, for having left behind them so precious a legacy. *

In conclusion, it will, I hope, be considered a great advantage in this collection, that it contains prayers for so many different seasons, and occasions, and circumstances of life. I have already observed, that the great object in this is to bring religion to bear upon every part of our existence, to introduce it into every class, and to spread it over the whole of our time, not confining it, as some would do, to Sundays as the only durable time for it, and the clergy as the only authorized class; but, on the contrary, making it like leaven, which is to leaven the whole mass, to sanctify the whole body of mankind, the whole sum of our life: and this is the more needful, because I fear there is a growing disposition among men of the present day to deny the claim of religion to this general right of admission; they bid it confine itself to its proper time and place, and not meddle with worldly matters, which do not belong to it; they pretend to be afraid lest it receive some taint, some shock from its contact with the world; but their real fear is lest they, by carrying it with them in their dealings with the world, should find themselves checked, and clogged, and made uneasy by their unwelcome companion. Hence it is that there is so much inconsistency of conduct in the present day; religion is too readily

put on and off; like a Sunday suit, it graces the place of worship, but is too seldom seen in the field, or the house of merchandise. Men are satisfied to be saints on certain seasons; on ordinary occasions they are but common men. O, what a comfort it is to think of the provision that the Church contains for reinstating pure, and undefiled, and really influential religion, if not universally, at least in the hearts and lives of all those who will consent to live by her life, and feed on her provisions! May all such persons be enabled to prove the blessedness of their union with her, and in her with Christ their head, by the sound healthy character of their worship, and the consistent holiness and purity of their conduct: may they be enabled to adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things: and may this little book contribute something towards establishing this holy spirit, this steadfast character, in those who shall make use of it: may it be the means of their spending many "sacred hours" of blessed converse with their God and Saviour, which shall lead to many holy days of cheerful obedience to his will, and be finally succeeded and swallowed up by a glorious eternity in his actual presence. J. A.

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DIRECTIONS

CONCERNING

The Method of Daily Devotion.

As soon as you awake in the morning, strive, as earnestly as you can, to keep all worldly thoughts out of your mind, till you have presented the first-fruits of the day to God; which will be an excellent preparative to make you spend the rest of it the better: and at your first awaking, offer up to God the following ejaculations:—

Lighten mine eyes, O Lord, that I sleep not in death.

Awake, O my soul, and sing praises to God.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, for watching over me this night.

Open thou mine eyes, O Lord, that I may see the wonders of thy law.

At your rising:—

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was crucified for me, I arise from mine own rest to do

him service. He, by his cross and passion, save me, bless me, govern me, and keep me this day, and for ever. Amen.

I laid me down and slept and rose up again, for the Lord sustained me.

Lord, raise me up at the last day to life everlasting.

When you have thus begun, suffer not, without some urgent necessity, any worldly thoughts to fill your heart, till you have paid your solemn devotions also to Almighty God ; and therefore, while you are dressing yourself, exercise your mind in spiritual and religious meditations ; consider to what temptations business or company are that day most likely to lay you open, and arm yourself with resolutions against them ; what occasions of doing service to God, or good to your neighbor, are that day most likely to offer themselves ; and resolve to embrace them, and contrive how to improve them to the uttermost.

At the washing of your hands and other parts of your body, use some such prayers as the following :—

Wash me clean, O Lord, from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

Cleanse me, O God, by the bright fountain of thy mercy, and water me with the dew of thine abun-

dant grace, that, being purified from my sins, I may grow up in good works, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

At your apparelling :—

Clothe me, O Lord, with the ornaments of thy heavenly grace, and cover me with the robes of thy righteousness.

Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof.

As soon as you are ready, say one or more of the following

PREPARATORY PRAYERS.

Direct me, O Lord, in all my doings with thy most gracious favour, and further me with thy continual help, that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in thee, I may glorify thy holy name ; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name ; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this day, defend me in the same by thy mighty power, and grant that

this day I fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all my doings being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then rise from your knees, and read some portion of holy Scripture, more especially of the New Testament and Psalms of David; first, in a short ejaculation, beseeching your heavenly Father to assist you with his Holy Spirit, that you may so understand and practise his word, that it may make you wise unto salvation.

While you are reading, consider that God is speaking to you, and therefore read with attention and humility; and endeavor, as much as you can, to suit your affections to the subject you are upon. Let the reading any of God's commands excite in you a zeal to keep them; the reading his threatenings against sinners, or his judgments on them, a fear to provoke him; let his gracious promises quicken your obedience, and the instances of his mercies excite you to thanksgiving: when you read the great mysteries recorded in holy writ, prostrate your reason to divine revelation, and, in the midst of your reading, lift up your heart to God in some of these short ejaculations, according to the nature of the subject before you, viz. :—

Lord, give me grace to obey this command. Or

Lord, deliver me from this sin, or this judgment.
Or,

Glory be to thee, O Lord, for this mercy. *Or,*
Lord, I believe and adore this mystery.

Then read over the introductory meditations prefixed to your daily devotions: after which, offer up to God your morning sacrifice of praise and prayer.

At your going abroad, offer up to God the following ejaculations:—

Show me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths.

Lead me, O God, in the way of thy truth, and guide me for thy mercies' sake.

O give thine Angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways.

When you hear the clock at any hour of the day, say:—

Teach me, O Lord, to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom.

Our time passeth away like a shadow, and we bring our days to an end like a tale that is told.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, now, and at the hour of death.

Walk all the day in the fear of God; watch

against every temptation; neglect no occasion of doing good; and gladly embrace every opportunity of frequenting the public worship of God in his Church. You may also make use during the day of some of the forms of prayer and praise contained in this book, according as you have opportunity, and as your circumstances may require.

When, in the evening, you again retire into your closet, after having used the preparatory prayer and read some portion of the holy Scriptures as before directed, proceed to examine your heart:—

What sin, either of thought, word or deed, you have that day committed?

What opportunity of doing good you have omitted?

What imperfections your religious duties are chargeable with?

Whether you have wronged your neighbor in any thing; and, if you have, whether you are ready to make him restitution and reparation?

Whether, if any man have wronged you, you are ready to forgive him, even as you desire that God, for Christ's sake, should forgive you?

Consider, also, what mercies you have that day received! What deliverances either from dangerous and violent temptations, or from any great and apparent danger! And if nothing extraordinary hath happened, but you have been kept even from the

approach of the danger, you have so much the greater cause to magnify God who hath so guarded you, that not the least fear of evil hath come nigh your dwelling.

After these meditations, offer up your evening sacrifice of prayer and praise ; confess your sins humbly and penitently ; renew your resolutions of amendment, and beg for mercy through Christ ; and this not slightly, and only as of course, but with all devout earnestness, as you would do if you were sure your death were as near approaching as your sleep, which, for aught you know, may be so indeed ; and therefore you should no more venture to sleep unreconciled to God, than you would dare to die so. Omit not, also, to pay him the tribute of your humble thanks, as well for his usual and daily preservations, as for his extraordinary deliverances ; and, above all, endeavor, by the consideration of his mercies, to have your heart the more closely knit to him, remembering that every favor received from him is a new engagement upon you to love and obey him.

As you are putting off your clothes, think with yourself that the time approaches when you must put off your body also, and your soul must appear naked before God's judgment-seat ; and therefore, while it is now the accepted time, while the day of salvation lasteth, make your calling and election sure that the great and terrible day of the Lord may not overtake you unawares.

As you began, so end with glorifying God, that the outgoings of the morning and evening may praise him ; and when you compose yourself to rest, say :—

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest
for it is thou, O Lord, only, that makest me to dwell
in safety.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord
and by thy great mercy defend us from all peril
and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only
Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit ; for thou hast
redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (who was
crucified upon his cross, and laid into his grave for
me), I lay me down to rest ; may he bless me,
keep me, and save me, raise me up again, and
bring me at last to life eternal. Amen.





Meditations

AND

Ejaculations.





He walks as in the presence of God, that converses with Him in frequent prayer and frequent communion; that runs to Him in all his necessities; that asks counsel of Him in all his doubtings; that opens all his wants to Him; that weeps before Him for his sins; that asks remedy and support for his weakness; that fears Him as a judge, reverences Him as a lord, obeys Him as a father, and loves Him as a friend.

BISHOP JEREMY TAYLOR.

The knowledge is small which we have on earth concerning things that are done in heaven. Notwithstanding, thus much we know even of saints in heaven, that they pray; and therefore prayer, being a work common to the Church as well triumphant as militant—a work common unto men with angels,—what should we think but that so much of our lives is celestial and divine as we spend in the exercise of prayer?

HOOKE.





MEDITATIONS,

SHORT PRAYERS, AND EJACULATIONS.

For the Morning.

BLESSED art thou, O Lord, my God and the God of my fathers, who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, and renewest the face of the earth; who scatterest the darkness by this return of light, and hast commanded night to give place to day.

O Thou, who formest the light, and bringest back the morning, causing thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good; scatter the darkness of our ignorance by the knowledge of thy truth, that in thy light we may see light; and lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, the light of grace here, and the light of glory hereafter.

O, let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning; for in thee is my trust. Show thou me the way that I should walk in; for I

lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Defend this day from all evil of mine, and preserve me from all the evil of this day.

Remove far from me thoughts that are without understanding; and evermore inspire me with such thoughts as are wise, and good, and well-pleasing in thy sight.

Enclose mine ears with a hedge of thorns that no foolish, filthy, or profane talk may be allowed to enter in; but let them be open to discipline and wisdom, and always give willing attention to the words of truth and righteousness. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips; let my speech be seasoned with salt, and good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Into thy hands I commend my whole self, my spirit, my soul, and my body; for thou hast created, and redeemed them, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Let no work of my hands cause grief or just offence of heart; but let me be continually em-

ployed in some such actions, for which thou, my God, mayest remember me for good, and spare me, according to the multitude of thy mercies.

Preserve my going out and my coming in, from this time forth for ever more.

For the Evening.

HAVING passed over the day, I render hearty thanks to thee, my God, for thy good providence. The evening now draws on; make thou it comfortable. As each day hath its evening, so likewise hath human life. Life's evening is old age; make thou this also comfortable.

Abide with me, my Saviour; for the time is far spent, yea, the shadows of the evening are stretched out, and the day is declining upon me.

The night posts on apace, so doth that death of which night is the image; a night after which, in this world, we must expect no morning. In constant remembrance and due sense whereof, I earnestly entreat thee, blessed Lord, to order such an end of this life for me as may be truly Christian—acceptable to thee—perfectly void of sin and shame,—and, so far as thou seest fit, free me from extreme pain too:

so gathering me to the remainder of thy elect in peace and innocence at thy own time, and after thy own way; only let it be free from guilt and from reproach.

As the day goeth away, and the shadows of the evening are stretched out, so passeth away my life, even like a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

The Lord hath commanded his loving-kindness in the day-time, and in the night-season also my song shall be of him, and my prayer unto the Lord of my life. O, let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God and the God of our fathers, who hast ordained the successions of light and darkness; who makest thy saints to rejoice upon their beds; who hast delivered me from the perils of this day, and not cut off my life like a weaver's web nor wasted me with pining sickness from morning until night.

O thou Keeper of Israel, that neither slumberest nor sleepest, preserve me this night from all manner of evil, yea, do thou preserve my soul.

O most kind and merciful Lord, let this season of rest be an entire cessation to me, as well from sin as from labor and sorrow; and suffer not any thought to surprise my unguarded mind which is capable either of displeasing thee or of defiling me.

During the Night.

O THOU, who inspirlest thy saints with songs in the night, and givest wholesome sleep to thy beloved—whose name I will think of in the night-season, and will keep thy law—let thy protection and mercy be upon me, and let the prayers and thanksgivings come up to thee which my soul poureth out when it fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch.

Make me to remember thee on my bed, and to think upon thee wheu I am waking; then let me commune with my own heart, and search out my spirit: for thou art about my path and about my bed; and when I awake, I am present with thee.

Thou, Lord, hast granted thy loving-kindness in the day-time; and in the night-season will I sing of thee, and make my prayer to the God of my life.

O Lord, the holy angels are now before thy throne in heaven. They never rest day or night from thy praises; and with them do I sing hallelujah, salvation and honor, and glory and power, be unto our God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Thou, who didst at midnight raise the prophet David, and Paul and Silas, to sing praises to thee because of thy righteous judgments, make us to think upon thee with gladness in our beds, whose presence makes our darkness to be light; and save us.

O Thou, who by the crowing of the cock didst call back thy fallen Apostle to a sense of his sin and infirmity, grant us, like him, to take warning by the same signal—to retire into ourselves, and weep bitterly for our offences; and then do thou accept our repentance, and save us.

O Thou, who hast foretold that thou wilt return to judgment in an hour that we are not aware of, grant us grace to watch and pray always; that whether thou shalt come at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning, thou mayest find us ready to meet thee.

BPS. KEN AND ANDREWES.



Debotions
FOR
Every Day in the Week.





BEFORE we do any thing else, be we careful to consecrate the first fruits of the day, and the very beginnings of our holy thoughts, unto the service of God.....Let not the day, when it cometh, find us sleeping in our beds, but awaken, and up, and ready at our prayers, according to his custom "whose eyes prevented the night-watches."

ST. BASIL.

TELL me with what confidence canst thou lie down to sleep, and pass away the black darkness of the night; with what fearful and ugly dreams shall thy soul, thinkest thou, be troubled, unless thou shalt first arm thyself against such delusions and fears by strong and devout prayers! Let the wicked spirits find thee without such a guard, and presently thou becomest a prey unto them; let them but spy thee at thy prayers, and presently, like frightened thieves, they run away.

ST. CHRYSTOSTOM.





S U N D A Y.

Meditations.

THROUGH the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high hath visited us.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, all glory be to thee, who didst, as on this day, create the light, and command it to shine upon the face of the deep.

How glorious is that light, which affects our senses, the rays of the sun, the flame of fire, the day divided from the night, the evening and the morning!

How much more glorious is that light which shines in upon our minds, by the examples of patriarchs, the revelations of prophets, the

sweet solace of holy psalms, the instruction of wise proverbs, the profit and experience of faithful histories!

Blessed be thy name for this light, which no darkness ever overspreads ; this sun, which never goes down ! God is the Lord, who hath showed us such light ; bind ye the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

O Thou, who on this day didst rise again, raise up our souls unto newness of life ; granting us repentance from dead works, and planting us in the likeness of thy resurrection.

And thou, O Father and God of peace, who didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant ; make us perfect in every good work to do thy will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in thy sight ; through Jesus Christ.

O Thou, who didst also on this day of the week send down on thy Apostles thy most Holy Spirit ; take not the same Spirit away from us, but grant to all thy servants, who ask it of thee, that they may be daily renewed, and more plentifully enriched in the same.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

Prayer for the Morning.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast created me after thine own image and likeness; who hast made me capable of loving thee, and enjoying thee eternally; I adore thee with all humility as my sovereign Lord; give me, I beseech thee, such a sense of thy infinite goodness as to return unto thee all love and obedience.

O my God, I acknowledge that I have nothing but what is the effect of thy bounty: bless the Lord, O my soul, and declare his loving-kindness to all generations. I humbly and heartily thank thee for all the graces and favors thou hast bestowed upon me; for making me a rational creature, and for securing my preservation by the constant effects of thy providence; for redeeming me by the death of thy Son, and for providing the grace of thy Holy Spirit to sanctify my corrupt nature; for bringing me to the knowledge of the Christian religion; for blessing me with plentiful means of salvation; and for preparing a glorious inheritance for those that love thee and keep thy commandments; for the many temporal blessings thou hast conferred upon

me ; for thy preservation of me this night, and the rest of my life, from innumerable accidents and dangers : O may I always delight to praise and glorify thy holy name, and, above all thy benefits, to love thee, my great Benefactor.

O Father of mercies, I most humbly implore the pardon and forgiveness of all my sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ thy only Son ; I am heartily sorry that I have offended thee ; I detest my sins, because they are displeasing to thee, who art infinite goodness ; I am resolved, by the assistance of thy grace, to return no more to folly, to avoid all occasion of evil, and to live better for the time to come.

Enlighten my mind with a true and thorough knowledge of my duty, and enable me, by thy Holy Spirit, to perform it with care and diligence. Make me sensible of my own vileness and corruption, and let me never want thy gracious assistance to correct and reform it.

Defend me by thy almighty power from all the means and temptations which continually solicit me to offend thee ; and from all those bodily dangers to which I am subject in this my earthly pilgrimage.

Grant that all my thoughts, words, and actions, may be so guided by thy Holy Spirit, that I may ever seek thy honor and glory ;

and that the main service of my life may be to prepare myself for that everlasting salvation which thou hast promised.

And now that I am going to the place of thy public worship, let thy Holy Spirit assist me in the duty and service I am about to perform ; touch me with such a sense of thy presence, as may fix my wandering thoughts ; compose my tumultuous affections, stir up my flat and cold desires, that I may join in the prayers and praises of thy holy Church with fervent and heavenly affections. Incline me to hear thy word with reverence and attention, and to receive it with meekness and gladness of heart.

Prepare the hearts of all those who shall meet at thy holy table, to feast upon the body and blood of thy beloved Son. Help *us** to approach those holy mysteries with such humility and contrition, faith and devotion, love and thankfulness, that *we** may worthily commemorate the wonderful love of our Saviour Christ in dying for us, and be made partakers of all the blessings which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained for us. Send

* If there be no communion, instead of *we* and *us*, say *they* and *them*.

down a double portion of thy Spirit upon all those whom thou hast set apart to minister in holy things, that they may do it with clean hands and pure hearts; and work in them and us sincere resolutions to dedicate ourselves entirely to thine obedience and service.

And, O Lord, do thou consecrate us both in soul and body to be holy temples to thyself; that thou dwelling in our hearts by faith and love, we may be cleansed from all sinful affections, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy blessed name and our own everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

NELSON.

Devotions during the Day.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done

his marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.

With my whole heart have I sought thee : O, let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments ; for therein do I delight.

I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation : I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord : let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

Let all those that seek thee be glad and rejoice in thee : let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

I render thee most humble and hearty thanks, O holy and merciful Father, for that, notwithstanding my great sinfulness and unworthiness, thou hast again admitted me into thy holy temple, to worship and praise thee in the congregation of thy saints.

Forgive, I humbly beseech thee, whatever

thou hast seen amiss in me, or any of thy servants; and grant that the prayers and thanksgivings which we have offered up to thy divine majesty, in the name of our common Redeemer, may be presented by him, acceptable unto thee.

Enable us faithfully to apply the reproofs and instructions we have heard, to the increase of our knowledge, and the amendment of our lives. And may the whole Church militant always so sanctify these thy holy days, that its state triumphant may be hastened, when thy saints shall enjoy an eternal sabbath of rest and glory. Amen.

An Act of Praise to the Three Persons of the ever-blessed Trinity.

GLORY be to God in the highest, the Creator and Lord of heaven and earth, the Preserver of all things, the Father of mercies; who so loved mankind as to send his only-begotten Son into the world to redeem us from sin and misery, and to obtain for us everlasting life.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to represent thyself, and all the excellencies of thy nature, and all the testimonies of thy love, so powerfully to my

soul, that I may seriously reverence thee, unfeignedly love thee, and worthily praise thee. rejoice in thee incessantly, trust in thee heartily, adhere to thee constantly, and serve thee devoutly, all the days of my life.

Glory be to the eternal Son of God, who for our sakes was made man, and dwelt among us, and died for us : who purged away our sins by the sacrifice of himself, and hath given his body and blood to be our spiritual food and sustenance.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O Jesus, the image of the invisible God ; the Light of the world ; the Lamb of God that takest away sin ; our great High Priest, who art set down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, and appearest in the presence of God for us, and art our Advocate with the Father : who also shalt come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead ; and whose kingdom shall have no end. O blessed Jesus, I acknowledge thee to be the Lord, the Holy One of God : I adore and worship thee : and look for all blessings through thy hand alone, who hast all power in heaven and earth.

Out of thy fullness, O most gracious Lord, let me receive grace for grace ; give me hu-

mility and meekness; purity, holiness, and universal charity; reverence and constancy in devotion; attentiveness and recollection of mind in hearing thy word; patience in waiting upon thee; weanedness from the world; resignation to thy holy will, and contentedness in all conditions; sincerity and uprightness of heart towards thee, my God, and towards all men.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit of the Father and of the Son; who regenerates and sanctifies us, and unites us unto Christ; who enlighteneth our understandings, and disposeth our wills; who helpeth our infirmities, fortifies us against temptations, and enables us to fulfil our duty; who directs us in doubts, and comforts and supports us in troubles.

Blessed Spirit, pardon, I beseech thee, my rebellions against thee, my grievings of thee: be not provoked to leave my soul destitute of thy heavenly influence: graciously assist me; and make me meekly attentive and readily obedient to all thy holy inspirations: cherish and increase any good motions thou hast this day wrought in me towards a more complete participation of the divine nature; and so sanctify me throughout, that my whole spirit, soul and

body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O heavenly Father, of thine infinite mercy grant, I humbly pray thee, that nothing in this world may be ever able to separate me from a state of favor and communion with thee, and thy Son Jesus Christ, through the preparations of the Spirit of holiness. Thy favor, O Lord, is better than life, and the communications of thy Spirit more to be desired than all worldly treasure ; thy service is perfect freedom ; thy laws the sure paths to eternal bliss : O, vouchsafe to strengthen, establish, and settle me in the practice of them for ever ; that being through thy grace faithful unto death, I may through thy mercy attain everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

HMLR.

Prayer for the Evening.

O most great, most glorious, and eternal God ! the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, in whom we live, and move, and have our being ; with what awe and humility, with what fear

and reverence, ought I to appear before thee, when I consider the greatness of thy majesty, and the purity of thy divine nature.

O Lord, I acknowledge that I am not worthy to come into thy presence, nor to lift up my eyes towards the throne of thy mercy-seat. My sins and transgressions are many, and divers of them have been often repeated; the corruption of my heart and the sinfulness of my thoughts are perfectly known to thee; and the punishment due unto my sins is greater than I am able to bear.

How many duties have I omitted, or performed with coldness and indevotion! How often have I been a hearer of thy word only, and not a doer! How often, both in public and private, have I prayed, when my heart has been far from thee! This very day thou hast given me an opportunity of serving thee in thy house; but, alas, my services there have been accompanied with so many failings, so many imperfections, that I have just cause to humble myself before thee.

O Lord, if thou shouldst deal with me as I have deserved, how justly mightest thou deprive me of all those means of grace, and opportunities of working out my salvation, which thou hast hitherto vouchsafed me!

But, O merciful Father, thou hast declared thyself to be a God merciful and gracious, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. My only hope, therefore, is in thy tender mercies, which have been of old ; in that pity and compassion which thou hast shown to mankind, in the redemption of the world by the death of thy dear Son.

For thy Name's sake, then, O Lord, and for thy beloved Son's sake, pardon, I most humbly beseech thee, all my past sins and shortcomings. O, replenish my soul with the graces of thy Holy Spirit, that I may become vigorous and active in thy service, and fruitful in every good work.

I beseech thee also to look with compassion on the nation to which I belong ; pardon our great and crying sins, and avert from us the evils which we have most justly deserved; forgive our manifold abuses of the great privileges thou hast conferred upon us ; put a stop to all profaneness, irreligion, and impiety, to all our unhappy strifes and animosities ; and let truth and righteousness, brotherly love and charity, flourish and increase among us.

Be gracious to thy holy Catholic Church, and especially to that branch of it which thou hast planted in this land ; heal the breaches

and divisions of it ; bring back to the fold of Christ those who have erred and strayed therefrom ; and grant that all who confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly concord.

Bless our rulers, in church and state. Inspire them with a spirit of true religion, that they may study to serve thee, and to discharge the duties of their stations, always remembering the great account which they must one day give.

Be merciful, O God, to all that are in affliction or distress; be pleased to support and comfort them, and in thy good time to deliver them according to thy great mercy.

Send down the graces of thy Holy Spirit upon all my friends, relations, and acquaintances (especially _____); pardon all our sins; unite our hearts in love to thee and to each other in thee ; and vouchsafe to every one of us whatever thy infinite wisdom knows to be most needful and expedient both for our souls and bodies.

And now, O merciful Father, I offer up to thee my unfeigned praises for all those numberless mercies and benefits which I have received at thy hands ; more particularly for the mercies of the day past; for whatever sin I

have escaped, and whatever good I have done; for the provision which thou hast vouchsafed me in the holy ordinances of thy Church, and for the blessed hope of everlasting life which thou hast given me in thy Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify to me all the means of grace which, by thy bounty, I have been made partaker of; and help me in the week following to live according to my profession and my prayers, according to the instructions and exhortations which I have received out of thy holy word through thy ordained ministers; that my conversation may be as becometh the Gospel of Christ, and that I may adorn the doctrine of God my Saviour in all things. Vouchsafe me the continuance of thy favor and protection this night, and preserve me from every adversity of soul and body; and after the comfortable refreshments of rest and sleep, raise me up, I humbly pray thee, in health and safety, with a heart full of love to thee, and zeal in thy service; through Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer; in whose prevailing name, and in the fullest sense of whose divine words, I pray to be heard. Our Father, &c.

NEW MANUAL

MONDAY.

Meditations.

MY voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord: early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who, as on this day, didst create the firmament, the heaven, and the heaven of heavens, inhabited by the celestial powers; angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim: who, as on this day, didst divide and fix the waters that be above the firmament; and make those mists and exhalations from whence proceed showers and dew, hail and sleet, snow like wool, hoar-frost scattered like ashes, ice cast out like morsels, clouds brought from the ends of the earth, lightning and thunder, winds which thou drawest out of thy treasures, and storms which fulfil thy word.

Blessed be the glory of the Lord for the essential perfections of his Godhead, his incomprehensible greatness, his dominion and omnipotence, his eternity and providence, his

holiness and justice, his wisdom and truth, his goodness and mercy; but, above all, for the unspeakable riches of his exceeding abundant grace and love in Christ Jesus.

I will magnify thee, I will worship thee, I will serve thee, I will love and delight in thee, I will entirely devote myself to thee, O Lord, my strength, my rock, and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my helper and defender, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

Prayer for the Morning.

O GOD, who art the Giver of all good gifts, and the Father of mercies, I thine unworthy servant entirely desire to praise thy Name for all the expressions of thy bounty towards me. Blessed be thy love, that gave thy Son to die for my sins; for the covenant of mercy confirmed by his most precious blood; for the means of grace instituted by him here, and the hope of glory through his merits hereafter. I also bless thee, for that after all my abuses of thy grace, thou still hast patience with me, and addest this one day more to my life, that I may

finish the work thou hast set me to do, and renew and perfect my repentance.

I humbly entreat thee, O heavenly Father, for thy Son's sake, freely to forgive me what is past, and to rid me of my sins for the time to come. Pardon, good Lord, all my former sins, and all my abuses of thy forbearance, for which I am now sorry at heart; and give me grace to lead a more holy life, and to be more careful in improving all future opportunities.

Make thyself present to my mind, and let thy love and fear rule in my soul in all those places and companies where occasions may lead me this day. Keep me chaste in all my thoughts, temperate in all my enjoyments, humble in my own eyes, charitable in my speeches of others, meek and peaceable under all provocations, sincere and faithful in all my professions, and so just and upright in all my dealings, that no necessity may force, nor opportunity of any kind allure me, to defraud or go beyond my neighbor. When thou bestowest good on others, let me not envy, but rejoice in it; and when thou addest any to myself, let me own thy mercy, and humbly thank thee for it.

Afford me convenient supplies in all reasonable necessities, and protect me against the

approach of all dangers. Make me diligent in my business, and give such success to my honest endeavors as thou seest most expedient for me; and teach me contentedly to submit and not to repine at anything that happens to me by the allotment of thy wise providence.

In all my passage through this world, and my manifold concerns therein, suffer not my heart to be set too much upon it: but always fix my eye upon the blessed hope of everlasting life, that, as I go along, I may make all the things of the world to minister to it, and be careful above all things to fit my soul for that pure and perfect bliss which thou hast prepared for all them that love and fear thee, in the glories of thy kingdom.

Extend thy grace, I beseech thee, to all, both high and low, rich and poor, in these United States. Let all governors rule with wisdom and justice, and all the people obey with love and cheerfulness. Let the priests of the Lord be exemplary in their lives, and discreet and diligent in their labors, having a compassionate love for souls; and let the people be humble and obedient, most desirous to hearken to, and fully bent to follow their wise instructions.

Make all Christians conscientious practisers

of that holiness which they profess. And, above all, inspire them with uniting principles and charitable hearts, that by their loving one another as thou hast loved us, all the world may know that they are thy disciples.

Be a help at hand to all that need and are afflicted. Send supplies to all that are in want, and assist them contentedly to depend upon thee. Raise friends to the widow and fatherless, the prisoners and captives, and to all that groan under oppressors, who are thrown upon thy mercy. Give repentance, patience, and resignation to all who are sick, and ease when thou seest it convenient for them. Be a comforter to all troubled consciences, helping them to an acceptable holiness, and enlightening their minds about all causeless scruples, that they may not fear where no fear is. Succour all that are tempted, with such a measure of thy grace as may enable them to stand in all their trials. Think particularly on all my friends who are especially endeared to me by their kindnesses or acquaintance; on all my relations in the flesh; on all who pray particularly for me, or desire my prayers. Teach us all to desire what thou approvest, and then grant us whatsoever is desired. Direct us in all our doings, and guard us against all dangers, and

relieve us in all straits ; and grant that we may always make thee our stay and confidence, and take all things well which thou orderest for us. Shorten all our sorrows, and prevent all our sins, and fit us all for that eternal kingdom which thou hast prepared for us ; for Jesus' sake ; in whose holy Name and words I further pray to thee. Our Father, &c.

KETTLEWELL.

Debotions during the Day.

Profession of our Sincere Purpose to live answerably to our Baptismal Vow.

O HOLY and eternal Lord God, who keepest covenant and mercy for them that love thee and obey thy commandments ; I heartily thank thy Divine majesty for admitting me by baptism into that covenant of grace, which entitles me, through thy mercy in Christ Jesus our Lord, to such glorious privileges : and I solemnly purpose, with thy grace and assistance, to perform the vows then made in my behalf ; and which I have so often renewed, and ratified with mine own mouth at thy holy table.

I seriously resolve, to the utmost of the power thou givest me, to avoid all sin, and to

resist all the temptations of the devil, the world, and the flesh : I do unfeignedly believe, and will by thy help continue in the belief of all the articles of the Christian faith : and I steadfastly purpose through the help of thy grace, to keep thy holy will and commandments in al. sincerity and godly simplicity of heart ; and to walk in the same all the days of my life.

Prayer for Grace to fulfil our Baptismal Vows.

O MOST gracious God, who workest in us both to will and to do of thy good pleasure, vouchsafe to me, I beseech thee, such a measure of thy grace, as may enable me to fulfil these holy purposes, and to walk worthy of that blessed state whereunto thou hast called me.

Grant that I, being regenerate and made thy child by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, and may give all diligence to eschew those things that are contrary to my profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same.

Grant me perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life ; that being established in the truth of thy holy Gospel, I may give up myself obediently to follow thy holy commandments, and steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life.

Grant that I may lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace; and being evermore defended by thy mighty power, may successfully withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with a pure heart and mind may follow thee, the only God; and plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded.

Grant that I may diligently follow the example of my Saviour Christ, and be made like unto him; that as he died and rose again for me, so I may die unto sin, and rise again unto righteousness; and that continually mortifying all my evil and corrupt affections, as I have been made partaker of the death of thy Son, so I may also be partaker of his resurrection, and finally be an inheritor of thine everlasting kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end.

Hallel.

Monday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Lord of heaven and earth,
I, a miserable sinner, cast myself down before

thee, humbly confessing my manifold sins and wickednesses, by which I have deserved thy wrath, and eternal separation from the sweet comforts of thy presence. I confess, O great God, that I have sinned grievously against thee, by thought, word, and deed (particularly, &c.). My sins of omission are infinite, and my sins of commission cannot be numbered. Thy words and laws, O God, are holy, and thy judgments are terrible; but I have broken thy righteous laws, and incurred thy severest judgments; and where shall I appear when thou art angry with me?

But, O Lord my Judge, thou art also my Redeemer: I have sinned: but thou, O blessed Jesus, art my Advocate: have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner: enter not into judgment with me, lest I die; but spare me, gracious Lord, spare thy servant, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood: O, reserve not evil in store for me against the day of vengeance, but show thy goodness in me, and let thy mercy be magnified upon me; deliver me from the power of sin, and preserve me from the punishment of it.

O my God, pity me, and hear me when I pray, and make me that I may pray acceptably. Give me a love to religion, an unwearied

spirit in the things of God. Let me not relish or delight in the things of the world, in sensual objects and transitory possessions; but make my eyes look up to thee, my soul be filled with thee, my understanding employed in the meditation of thy law, all my powers and faculties of soul and body wholly serving thee; that when thou shalt call me from these holy ministries of grace, I may pass into the employment of saints and angels, whose work it is, with eternal joy and thanksgiving, to sing praises to the mercies of the great Redeemer of men, and Saviour of men and angels, Jesus Christ.

Hear also my prayers for thy holy Catholic Church; unite all her divisions; root out of her all heresies and false doctrines; accept her spiritual sacrifices; let her live by thy Spirit, and reign in thy glory. Remember all them whom thou hast appointed to be stewards of thy holy mysteries; give them such wisdom and charity, such diligence and zeal, that they may be guides to the blind, comforters to the weary and heavy-laden; that they may strengthen the weak and confirm the strong; boldly rebuke sin, and patiently suffer for the truth.

Preserve, O great King of heaven and earth,

all Christian rulers and magistrates, more especially those whom thou hast placed in authority over us; give them grace to execute justice and to maintain truth, enjoying thy love and the reverence of the people; let holiness be the ornament of their heads, and let the anointing from above make them sacred and venerable, wise and holy; that, being faithful servants of thee, the King of kings, they may inherit the crown of everlasting glory.

O blessed God, who art rich in mercy and compassion, have mercy on all states of men and women in the Christian Church: remember the poor and needy, the widow, the fatherless, the friendless and oppressed; relieve their necessities, comfort their sorrows, strengthen their weakness; heal the sick and languishing, and them that draw near unto death; and suffer not Satan to prevail over them in the day of their calamity; give them a deliverance when thou seest expedient for them, and in the mean time a ~~sac~~ctified use of thy rod.

Be thou the portion of all my friends and relatives, and let thy blessing descend upon their heads, and abide there till they shall meet me in the bosom of my Lord. Preserve me ever in the communion and peace of the Church; and bless my death-bed with the op-

portunity of a holy and spiritual guide; with the assistance and guard of angels; with the reception of the holy sacrament; with a strong faith, and a firm and humble hope; with love to thee my God, and charity to all the world; that my soul, in the arms of the holy Jesus, may be deposited with safety and joy, there to expect the revelation of the great day, and then to partake the glories of thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and worship, all service and thanks, all glory and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen. Our Father, &c.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

TUESDAY.

Morning Meditations.

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.

I will always give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who didst, as on this day, gather together the waters into one

place, and command the dry land to appear : who didst then also bring forth the herb yielding seed, and the fruit-tree yielding fruit after his kind.

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, our Father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty ; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as Head above all. Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all ; in thy hand is power and might, and in thy hand is it to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now, therefore, O Lord, I thank thee, and evermore will praise thy glorious Name.

The Lord be my keeper : the Lord be my defence upon my right hand : the Lord preserve me from all evil, and set a watch over my soul : the Lord preserve my going out and my coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

O Lord, thou understandest, thou canst accomplish, thou dost truly and earnestly desire the safety and good of my soul ; I, wretched man, have neither understanding to discern, nor power to effect, nor, as I ought to have, even will to desire and seek, my true and best

good : do thou, therefore, I entreat thee, O my God, of thy unspeakable tenderness and love, vouchsafe to direct and guide, to govern and dispose of me, and all my concerns, in such a manner as thy wisdom knows will be most agreeable to thee, and most expedient for me.

Lord, I will lift up my hands to thy commandments, which I have loved ; open thou mine eyes, that I may see the wondrous things of thy law. Incline my heart to thy testimonies ; order my steps according to thy word, and so shall no iniquity have dominion over me.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

Prayer for the Morning.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in full faith and trust in the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life-giving passion, salutary cross, death, burial, and resurrection from the dead on the third day—his ascension into heaven, and sitting at the right hand of the Father—and looking for his second glorious and terrible advent, when he shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, and shall render to every one according to his

works,—I, thy sinful creature, do beseech thee that thou wouldest not deal with me after my sins, nor reward me after my iniquities; but that, according to thy clemency and ineffable love to mankind, overlooking and blotting out the handwriting that is against me, thou wouldest grant me thy heavenly and eternal good things; and send down thy Holy Spirit upon me and all thy people, through the appointed means and channels of grace in thy Church, for the sanctification of soul and body, for bringing forth the fruit of good works, for remission of sins, and for life everlasting.

I humbly supplicate and entreat thee, O Lord, for thy holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the whole world, especially that branch of it to which I belong; do thou, O Lord, plentifully furnish her with the rich gifts of thy Holy Spirit. Look down upon her in her captivity; O, visit her with thy salvation; and bring her out to serve thee in the beauty of holiness.

Remember, O Lord, the holy bishops in thy Church (especially thy servant our bishop); endow them with wisdom, and fill them with the Holy Ghost, that they may rightly divide, and uprightly walk in, the word of truth.

Remember, O Lord, according to the multi-

tude of thy mercies and compassions, all the priests and deacons who compass thy holy altar (especially —); grant to them an unblamable priesthood, and preserve them unspotted in their ministry.

Remember, O Lord, all in authority, and especially our rulers; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness.

Remember, O Lord, this [*city, diocese, parish, &c.*], with all the faithful that dwell in them; preserve them in peace and safety.

Remember, O Lord, our Christian brethren that travel by sea or by land, or are in foreign countries, that are in chains or imprisonment, that are in captivity or banishment, or in hard slavery.

Remember, O Lord, those that are sick or diseased, and make haste to heal and deliver them.

Remember, O Lord, every Christian soul under affliction or calamity, and all who stand in need of thy Divine mercy and help.

Remember also the conversion of them that be in error.

Remember all, O Lord, for good; have

mercy upon all, O Lord; be reconciled to us all—settle the flocks of thy people in peace—remove all scandals—make wars to cease—put a stop to the violence of heresies—heal the schisms of the Churches; and grant us thy peace and love, O God, our Saviour, and the hope of all the ends of the earth.

Remember, O Lord, to grant us temperate weather, moderate showers, pleasant dews, and plenty of the fruits of the earth, and to bless the whole circle of the year with thy goodness; for the eyes of all hope in thee, and thou givest them food in due season; thou openest thine hand, and fillest every living creature with thy gracious bounty.

Remember, O Lord, all who bring forth fruit and do good works in thy holy Churches, and who are mindful of the poor, the widows, orphans, strangers, and indigent persons, and all who desire to be remembered in our prayers.

And grant that we may all find mercy and favor, with all thy servants, who, from the beginning of the world, have pleased thee in their several generations, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and every just spirit made perfect in the faith of thy Christ, from righteous Abel even unto this day; do thou give us with them rest in the region of the living,

whence sorrow, grief, and lamentation, are banished away, where the light of thy countenance visits and shines continually ; and vouchsafe to bring us with them to the full enjoyment of thy heavenly kingdom ; and dispose the end of our lives, O Lord, in peace, that they may be Christian, well-pleasing to thee, and free from sin ; that so, with that innumerable company before the throne, we may sing praises evermore to thy glorious name, O Jesu, our Saviour, our Lord, and our God, in the unity of the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FROM AN ANCIENT LITURGY.

Devotions during the Day

For becoming apprehensions of God's Power and Majesty.

O MOST glorious Lord God, terrible in thy judgments, and wonderful in all thy dealings towards the children of men, possess my soul, I beseech thee, with awful and becoming apprehensions of thy Divine Majesty. Give me a sincere contrition for ever having hardened my heart from thy fear, and provoked that vengeance which can consume me in a moment. Lord, make me to feel and know whom I

ought to dread; and let me never, for the gratification of any sinful inclination, forget any more the Lord my Maker, and incur the displeasure of Him who is able to cast both soul and body into hell.

And as I implore thy grace that this consideration of thy power may be an effectual check to all my unruly appetites; so, I beseech thee, let it be my stay and confidence in all dangers and distresses; that, forsaking the broken reeds of all worldly succors, I may put my whole trust in thy mercy; and evermore serving thee in holiness and pureness of living, may even in death itself be more than conqueror; through the merits of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a lively sense of God's Excellency and Goodness.

O MOST blessed and gracious God, the Father of mercies, and fountain of happiness, in whose presence is fullness of joy, and at whose right hand are pleasures for evermore, inspire me, I beseech thee, with such a lively sense of thine infinite excellency and goodness, and with such a vehement desire of that eternal weight of glory which thou hast promised to all those that love and obey thee, as may every day

more and more raise and improve my love of thee, and dispose me more cheerfully to run the way of thy commandments, and to be holy in all manner of conversation.

Fix my thoughts, my hopes, and my affections upon heaven and heavenly things. Engage all the powers and faculties of my soul to love and delight in thee ; and to endeavor to be like thee in all the imitable perfections of thy nature. Make my heart the seat of prayer and holy meditation ; and my body a fit temple for thy Holy Spirit to dwell in ; that being inured to spiritual objects, and continually exercised to godliness, I may be prepared both in body and soul to pass eternity in the contemplation of thy glorious excellencies ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

To the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords ; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto ; whom no man hath seen, nor can see ; to Him be honor and power everlasting. Amen.

HERE.

Prayer for the Evening.

Most great and glorious Lord God, I desire to prostrate myself, in all humility, before thy Divine Majesty, under a deep sense of my own unworthiness. Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son : but I return with the prodigal. O, do thou, for Jesus Christ his sake, graciously receive me. Accept my imperfect repentance, and send thy Spirit of adoption into my heart, to instil into it true filial affections, that I may be owned by thee for thy child, and call thee Father, share in the blessings of thy children, and at last become an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

O my God, fill my soul with so entire, reverential a love of thee, that I may love nothing but for thy sake, and in subordination to thy love. Create in me a sincere obedience to all thy commands, a submissive patience under all thy chastisements, and an absolute resignation to all thy disposals. May I ever have awful thoughts of thee ; and never mention thy venerable Name, unless on solemn, just and devout occasions. O, let it be the great business of my life to glorify thy Name by my mouth, by my conversation, by my

public confession of thee before men, even unto death, whenever thou art pleased to call me to it ; and by engaging all men, as far as lies in my power, to glorify and love thee.

Let thy unwearied and tender love to me make my love unwearied and tender to my neighbor, and zealous to procure and promote his health and safety, happiness and life ; and ready to succor and relieve, comfort and pray for all whose necessities and miseries recommend them to my charity. Make me peaceful and reconcilable, always ready to return good for evil, to repay injuries with kindness, and easy to forgive. And, O thou Lover of souls, let thy love raise in me a compassionate zeal to save the life—the eternal life—of souls; and by fraternal, affectionate, and seasonable advice, exhortations, and reproof, to reclaim the wicked, and to win them to thy love.

Be pleased, O Lord, to take me into thy protection this night, and defend me from all the dangers of it: refresh my body with such comfortable rest and sleep, that in the morning, with renewed vigor, I may be the better disposed to do thee all faithful service. Let no evil men, or evil spirits, approach to hurt me ; let me lie down with holy thoughts of thee ; and when I awake, let me be still with thee.

Show mercy to the whole world, O Father of all ; let the Gospel of thy Son run and be glorified throughout all the earth : let it be made known to heathens and infidels, and obeyed by all that are Christians.

Be merciful to this nation wherein I live grant that we may be so humble and reformed, that we may be pardoned and spared. Multiply thy blessings upon our rulers ; give them grace to exceed others as much in goodness as greatness ; and make them signal instruments of thy glory and public good.

Be gracious to all those that minister in holy things, especially our bishop and pastors, that they may diligently watch over the souls committed to their care, instructing them in saving knowledge, guiding them by their examples, praying for and blessing them, exercising spiritual discipline in thy Church, and rightly and duly administering thy holy sacraments.

Visit in mercy all the children of affliction ; relieve all their necessities, and lighten all their burdens ; give them patience and submission to thy blessed will, and in thy due time deliver them from all their troubles.

Finally, O Lord, adored be thy goodness for all the mercies, both temporal and spiritual, which thou from time to time hast bestowed

upon me; for the good things of this life, and the hope of eternal happiness in the next. Particularly, I offer to thee my humble thanks and praise for thy preservation of me from the perils of the day past. If I have escaped any sin, it is the effect of thy restraining grace; if I have avoided any danger, it was thy hand directed me: to thy holy name be ascribed all honor and glory. O, let the sense of all thy blessings have this effect upon me, to make me better, and to lead me to repentance: all which I beg for Jesus Christ's sake, in whose blessed name and words I further pray unto thee, saying, Our Father, &c.

BISHOP KEN.

WEDNESDAY.

Meditations.

EARLY in the morning will I think upon thee, O Lord, because thou hast been my helper.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who didst, as on this day, make two great lights, the sun and the moon; and didst create the stars also, to divide the day from the night, and to give

light upon the earth, and to be for signs and for seasons, the spring, the summer, the autumn, the winter, and for days, and weeks, and months, and years : the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser lights to rule the night ; that they might thus succeed, and, as it were, relieve each other.

Glory to thee, gracious and merciful God, who, when miserable man had, by transgressing thy commandments, forfeited thy favor, and utterly lost himself, didst not disdain nor forsake him in this forlorn condition, but by many admirable methods didst visit and pity him ; as a compassionate and tender Father, sustaining him with thy greatest and most comfortable promise, that the seed of the woman should break the serpent's head ; opening a door of faith and repentance ; and, in the fullness of time, sending out of thy bosom thy Christ, the Son of thy love, to take upon him the seed of Abraham ; that, by his spotless and holy life, he might fulfil the obedience of the law ; and, by the sacrifice of his death, might take away the curse and sting of death : and after having thus given himself a ransom for the whole world, might, by his resurrection, restore that world to life.

O Thou, who, as on this day, didst permit thy own disciple to betray thee to thy enemies, and wast content to be apprehended by them, enable us to imitate, under all injuries and oppressions, that meekness which admitted the traitor's kiss, and surrendered thy person to those whom thy word struck down to the ground ; and save us.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

Prayer for the Morning.

BLESSED art thou, O Lord my God, who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, and renewest the face of the earth ; who hast enlightened my eyes, that I should not sleep in death ; who hast delivered me from the terror by night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness ; who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee : for that I laid me down and slept, and rose up again, because thou, Lord, didst make me dwell in safety ; for that thou hast given me a seasonable recruit to the wastings, and a kind intermission to the labors, of this mortal frame.

Blot out, I pray thee, as a cloud, my transgressions, and as the thickness of the morning

cloud, my sins ; for I come not before thee to cover or extenuate my guilt, but with full purpose to give thee glory by an ingenuous and free confession, that I have many ways offended against thy holy laws. [For thus, O Lord, and thus have I done.] .

Forgive me, Lord, this whole debt, I beseech thec, and let the multitude of thy mercies triumph over the multitude of my sins. Remember, I beseech thee, what thy servant is, —I am thy creature ; despise not thou the work of thine own hands. I am bought with the price of thy Son's blood ; called a Christian after his name, a sheep of thy pasture, a son of the covenant ; look, then, upon the face of thine Anointed, behold the propitiation set forth for the sins of the whole world, and be merciful to me the chief of sinners. For that name's sake, beside which none other under heaven is given unto men whereby we must be saved ; and for the sake of that Spirit also who helpeth our infirmities, and maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered ; for the tender bowels of the Father, for the bleeding wounds of the Son, for the earnest groans of the Holy Ghost, hear, O Lord, and have mercy. Speak those words of comfort, Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven

thee ; yea, be of good cheer, for my grace is sufficient for thee : say unto my soul, I am thy salvation ; that I may also say, Why art thou so heavy, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me ? Turn again unto thy rest, O my soul ; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with me.

Grant me hereafter to walk as a child of light, soberly, purely, and honestly, as in the day ; and this day in particular, O Lord, vouchsafe to keep me without sin ; upholding me when I am about to fall, and lifting me up if I am down ; that I may never be suffered to continue under any temptation, or to have my heart hardened through any deceitfulness of sin.

Grant that the angels of peace, the holy guides of thy children, the faithful guard set by thee over their souls and bodies, may encamp round about me, and continually suggest to my mind such things as conduce to thy glory and to my salvation. Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, grant, O good Lord, that I may think on these things, and that I may do them.

O Thou who acceptest the intercessions

which thy servants offer up in thy Son's name, remember, I beseech thee, every creature of thine for good, and visit the whole world with thy mercy.

O thou Preserver and Lover of men, think graciously upon mankind ; and as thou hast concluded all under sin and unbelief, so let thy pity and pardon extend to all.

O thou Helper of the helpless, our seasonable refuge in the time of trouble, remember all that lie under any sort of extremity, and call upon thee for succour and protection.

O thou who art the God of grace and truth, establish and strengthen in thy truth them that stand, restore the weak, and raise up them that fall through heresies and sins. Thou who art the wholesome defence and strength of thine anointed, think upon the congregation which thou hast purchased and redeemed ; and let the multitude of them that believe be of one heart and of one soul. Set in order the things that are wanting among us, and strengthen those which remain and are ready to die.

Send forth, I pray thee, O Lord of the harvest, laborers in all points fitted by thy grace to do the work of that harvest. Thou who art the portion of them that wait at thine altar, grant that thy clergy may always be enabled

rightly to divide, and uprightly to walk in, the word of thy truth ; and let thy people always be ready, with meek heart and due reverence, to receive the same at their mouths.

O Lord of lords and only Ruler of princes, be watchful over those whom thou hast deputed to rule thy world here below, and more especially over our governors ; assist and prosper all their righteous undertakings, and inspire them with noble and good designs for the advantage of thy Church, and of all the people committed to their charge. Bless them with fair and honorable peace, that under them we may lead quiet lives in all godliness and honesty.

Finally, O Lord, I commit to thy custody and protection, now, henceforth, and for ever, my soul and body, my mind and thoughts, my prayers and my desires, my life and my death, my kindred and friends, my neighbors and acquaintances, my countrymen, and all my fellow-Christians. By all thy endearing titles of God, Father, Creator, Saviour, Mediator, Intercessor, Comforter, I beseech thee, three persons in one God, let thy merciful kindness be upon me, like as I do put my trust in thee. Amen.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

Devotions during the Day.

*Thanksgiving for Christian privileges; and
prayer that we may walk worthy of them.*

BLESSED be God, the Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift cometh; who, by the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ shining into our hearts, hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son; and thereby hath made us partakers of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the love of God, and of the communion of the Holy Ghost.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him: but God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit. Blessed be God.

I receive, O Lord, with all thankfulness, the manifold testimonies thou hast given us of thine incomprehensible love and favor towards us through thy dearly beloved Son, in whom thou hast reconciled the world unto thyself. And most humbly do I bow my knees unto thee, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is

named, that thou wouldest grant me, according to the riches of thy glory, to be strengthened with might by thy Spirit in the inner man ; that Christ may dwell in my heart by faith ; and that I, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the length, and breadth, and depth, and height ; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge ; that I may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Imprint on my heart, O blessed God, I beseech thee, such a lively sense of the transcendent glory of thy majesty, and the exceeding riches of thy grace, as may make me earnestly desirous to have thine image formed in my soul ; and to be partaker of the Divine nature, and to walk worthy of God, who hath called me unto his kingdom and glory.

O Thou, who art the Author and Finisher of our faith, pity, I beseech thee, the infirmities of thy servant, and graciously assist my sincere endeavors to withdraw my affection from sensible things, and to raise my mind to a clearer view of the eternal joys of the next world.

Vouchsafe, I humbly pray thee, to enlighten the eyes of my understanding, that I may know more and more what is the hope of thy heavenly calling, and what the riches

of the glory of thine inheritance in the saints, and what the exceeding greatness of thy power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of thy mighty power which wrought in Christ, when thou didst raise him from the dead, and set him at thine own right hand in the heavenly places.

And grant, O gracious Lord, that having this hope in me, I may purify myself as thou art pure ; and run with patience the race thou hast set before me ; that carrying this testimony with me out of the world, that I have pleased thee, thou mayest receive me to thyself, to be glorified with thee in thy heavenly kingdom, and to rejoice before thee for ever and ever ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now the God of hope fill me with all joy and peace in believing, that I may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Giving thanks unto the Father, who hath made me meet to be partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light.

HML



Prayer for the Evening.

O ETERNAL God and merciful Father, I give thee humble and hearty thanks for all the benefits and blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which in the riches of thy great mercy thou hast liberally poured down upon me, but especially the spiritual. Lord, let me not live but to praise and magnify thy glorious Name.

Pardon, O Father of mercies, all my sins, whether by omission or commission, in thought, word, or deed : let them not cry oftener and louder in thine ears for vengeance, than my prayers for mercy and forgiveness ; particularly forgive me the sins which I have committed this day. [Such as, &c.] O Lord, against heaven and against thee have I sinned ; but, I beseech thee, wipe them all out of the book of remembrances, which thou hast written before thee ; and give me from henceforth a wise, a sober, a patient, an understanding, a devout, a religious, a courageous heart ; chaste and temperate reins and thoughts ; a soul full of devotion to do thee service, and strength against all temptations [especially —].

O blessed Lord, enable me to fulfil thy commands, and command what thou wilt : prepare

my soul against thy coming, and come when thou wilt, O thou Saviour of all who hope in thee; do with me as seems best in thine own eyes, only grant me a patient and penitent spirit: make my service acceptable to thee while I live, and my soul ready for thee when I die; give me grace in this life, and glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour.

Bless, O gracious Father, thine holy Catholic Church; fill it with truth and grace; where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; where it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is divided and rent asunder, heal the breaches of it, O thou holy One of Israel.

Bless all those who are called to any office or administration in thy Church; replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and innocence of life; accept all their offerings, and let their prayers be as precious incense in thy sight; that their cries and tears for thy people, and the city of their God, may not be in vain.

Have mercy upon this nation, and forgive the sins of this people: turn thee unto us, bless us, and cause thy face to shine upon us.

Comfort all the sons and daughters of affliction, especially those who suffer for thy truth and righteousness' sake : bless all my friends and relations ; forgive all, if there be any, who are mine enemies ; and give me that measure of thy grace, that for their hatred I may love them, for their cursing bless them, for their injuries return them kindnesses, and freely forgive them, as I desire to be forgiven ; through thy merits and intercession, O blessed Jesus, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, blessed for ever. Amen. Our Father, &c.

ARCHBISHOP LAUD.

THURSDAY.

Meditations.

EARLY in the morning do I cry unto thee ;
for in thy word is my trust.

O, satisfy me with thy mercy, and that soon ;
so shall I rejoice and be glad all the days of
my life.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who didst, as on
this day, command the waters to bring forth

abundantly the moving creature that hath life ;
the fish and fowl, great whales and winged
birds ; and didst bless them, and give them
power to increase and multiply.

Blessed art thou, O Lord Jesus, who didst,
as on this day, return to thy Father's throne.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens,
and thy glory above all the earth. And, by
thy ascension, so draw us after thee, that we
may henceforth set our affections on things
above, not on things on the earth.

By that salutary and venerable sacrament of
thy most holy body and most precious blood,
which thou on this day's evening wert pleased
to institute, have mercy upon us, and deliver
us, good Lord.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

Prayer for the Morning.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, I praise and
bless thee from the bottom of my heart, that
of thy infinite goodness thou hast preserved
me this night past, and hast with the im-
pregnable defence of thy providence pro-

tected me from the power and malice of the devil, and kept me both in soul and body from all his devices and snares, and raised me from sleep, vouchsafing me a longer space for repentance.

Withdraw not, I humbly entreat thee, the hand of thy protection from me, but take me into thy tuition this day; watch over me with the eyes of thy mercy, and direct me in the way of thy commandments. Endue me with those graces of the Holy Spirit, whereby I may pass this day, and the rest of my life, to the praise and glory of thy Name, the benefit of my neighbor, and the salvation of my soul.

Keep me, O Lord, from all sin; bridle and mortify my flesh, that I fall not into any transgressions, which may provoke thy wrath against me. Direct my soul and body, my words and actions, according to the rule of thy will: divert my heart from transitory pleasures, and fix it upon those eternal joys, which are the blessed effects of thy love.

And because I am not worthy, O Lord, that thou shouldest hear me, behold, I set before thee the merits of thine only Son, who is the propitiation for our sins; for his righteousness take pardon the offences of thy servant, and for

thy mercy's sake in Christ grant me those good things, of which I am, by the strict rule of thy justice, most unworthy.

Defend me, O Lord, in this my pilgrimage against the enemies of my soul ; arm me with the armor of light against the lusts of the flesh, the temptations of the world, and the malice of the devil ; that, having fought a good fight, and finished valiantly the course of this terrestrial warfare, I may be received into thy celestial kingdom.

In the mean time, O thou who fillest all things living with plenteousness, and feedest the young ravens that call upon thee, be merciful unto me in the supply of those necessaries which I daily want ; keep me in health and strength ; give me food and raiment, and a competence sufficient to maintain me in that state of life to which it hath pleased thee to call me : and grant that I may lead a quiet life in all godly conversation ; that, using thy blessings worthily, I may pass this life with joy and comfort, till it pleases thee to call me to a better.

Bless, O Lord, those whom thou hast set over us both in Church and State ; govern their hearts in thy fear, and guide their understandings to do those things which will be accept-

able to thee, and beneficial to thy Church and to this nation.

Comfort the comfortless and helpless ; show the light of thy truth to those who wander out of the right way ; give to all sinners true repentance ; strengthen and assist with thy grace those who have begun well, that they may persevere in goodness : to all my friends, kindred, and enemies, give all thy good blessings ; keep us from all evil, and make us to continue in thy service to our lives' end ; and after the course of this miserable life is ended, bring us to thine everlasting kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, &c.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

Debottsons during the Day.

Prayer that we may live answerably to the obligations of our Christian profession.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. And blessed be Jesus Christ the Son of God, and the only Mediator between

God and men, who humbled himself even to the death of the cross, that we might live through him ; and who is now set down at the right hand of God, where he ever liveth to make intercession for us.

O Lord, I beseech thee, give me repentance, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ ; and grant that the grace of God, which bringeth salvation, may effectually teach and persuade me to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world ; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify us unto himself "a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Dispose me, O heavenly Father, so to obey the precepts, that I may inherit the promises of the Gospel. Bless me, O Lord, with all spiritual blessings in Christ. Bless me in forgiving my iniquities ; and bless me in turning me from all iniquity. O, let the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world, cleanse me from all sin, and purge my conscience from dead works, to serve thee the living God.

Give me, O Lord, so to know Christ and

his life, that the same mind may be in me which was in Christ, and that I may be in the world as he was in the world.

Give me so to know Christ and his death, that I may feel the virtue and power of the cross of Christ within me, in being crucified to the world, and having the world crucified to me, and in crucifying the flesh with the affections and lusts; that the body of sin may be destroyed, and that henceforth I may not serve sin, nor obey it in the lust thereof.

Give me also to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, so I also may walk in newness of life, and may mind and seek those things that are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

Lord, make me ever mindful that I am not mine own, but am bought with a price, even with the precious blood of thy beloved Son. And O, that the consideration of this astonishing instance of the Divine love and mercy may so powerfully affect my heart, that I may be persuaded thereby to glorify thee in my body and in my spirit, which are thine; and to live henceforward not unto myself, but unto Him that died for me. While I live, O Lord, I will

praise thy Name; I will sing praises unto my God while I have my being. O, let me show forth thy praise, not only with my lips, but in my life; let me praise and glorify thee by ordering my conversation aright, by devoting my heart to thy fear, and by offering up myself a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto thee, O God, which is my reasonable service.

Now the God of all grace, who hath called me unto his eternal glory, by Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen, settle me: to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

HMLR.

Prayer for the Evening

O MOST gracious God, who daily multipliest upon us thy mercies notwithstanding we every day renew our provocations; accept, I beseech thee, my most humble and hearty thanks for thine unspeakable kindness to me, thine unworthy servant. Blessed be thy goodness, which has this day supplied me with food and necessaries, and preserved me in health—the chief of all outward enjoyments; and hath prospered me in all my ways, and raised up friends to be a comfort to me.

Adored be thy love and patience, for the assistance of thy Spirit in the duties of this day; and for not cutting me off in any act of those sins I have this day committed, particularly—
[here confess the particular sins you have been guilty of]. Grant me a due sense of these endearing benefits; an earnest and hearty sorrow for having offended so gracious a God, to whose free mercy and bounty I stand indebted for all I have, or hope to enjoy. Remember not against me my past iniquities, and the breaches of my baptismal vow, by which I have dishonored my Christian profession; but mercifully forgive and heal me, and let thy grace, and the blessed influences of thy Holy Spirit, defend me against all temptations for the time to come. My full purpose is to endeavor after a thorough amendment of my ways, and thou hast promised to assist me therein: O, let thine arm be my almighty aid; so shall I daily increase in righteousness and holiness.

Keep me under the defence and care of thy good providence this night; make my sleep safe and refreshing; fit me for my great change, that it may not surprise me unawares; but that having led a holy life, I may be happy in my death, and have comfort and a well-grounded hope in thee.

Give all men grace to repent of all their sins, and to become thy faithful servants. Let all Christians live up to the laws of that religion which they profess. Bless this commonwealth wherein I live; save and defend thy Church from schism and heresy, and the government from all treasons and conspiracies; give to the rich and prosperous, temperance and charity; to the poor and needy, patience and content. Preserve my friends and relations in their souls and bodies; forgive my enemies, and make them kindly affected towards me. Hear these my prayers, O merciful Father, for the sake of thy Son, our Advocate and only Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. Our Father, &c.

KETTLEWELL

F R I D A Y.

Meditations.

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord; and early shall my prayer come before thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who didst, as on this day, command the earth to bring forth the living creature after his kind; catfie, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth, after their

kind ; that they might be serviceable to man for food, for clothing, and for help in his labours :

And who madest man after thy own likeness, and didst bless him, and give him dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over all the earth.

In which wonderful and most noble operation I behold, and thankfully admire, thy consultation about it, the work of thine own hand in it thy breathing of life into him, whereby man became a living soul ; the image of thy own divine mind impressed upon him ; the government of creatures here below committed to him ; the paradise prepared for him ; the charge given to thy angels concerning him ; the marvellous structure of his body, the several functions of his heart, his reins, his eyes, his ears, his tongue, his hands, his feet, and indeed his every part ; for in all he is fearfully and wonderfully made.

But still more useful and more amazing are the superior faculties of his soul ; reason, intellect, free-will, memory, and conscience.

How amply also hast thou made provision for the exercise of these noble faculties ! By a revealed and written law, by the oracles of inspired prophets, by the melody of holy

psalms, by the profitable instruction of wise proverbs and parables, by the examples and experience to be gathered from faithful histories, and by the typical worship of sacrifices, the shadows of greater and better things to come.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, for that great and precious promise which thou, in the bowels of thy mercy, didst vouchsafe to give the support of to our fallen parents—that the seed of the woman should break the serpent's head; and for the punctual accomplishment of that promise, which thou, in the fullness of time, wast pleased to make, as on this day.

Blessed be thou, O Lord, my God and my Saviour, for the holy and bitter sufferings of this day! O, grant that what thou wert then content to endure for us men, and for our salvation, may be effectual for the saving of my soul in particular.

O thou, who didst vouchsafe, about the ninth hour of this day, to taste death for the sins of every man, mortify in us our members which are upon the earth, even all things contrary to thy holy will, that we also may be crucified unto the world; and save us.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

Prayer for the Morning.

O ETERNAL, infinite, and omnipotent God, the bountiful Author of all good, in whom I live, move, and have my being ; who hast made me after thine own image, and preservest me every moment from returning again to nothing : I humbly prostrate myself before the throne of thine adorable majesty, beseeching thee to have mercy upon me for thy dear Son's sake.

I confess, O Lord, that I have grievously sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed; and have most justly provoked thy wrath and indignation against me. Have mercy upon me, good Lord, have mercy upon me ; remember not my offences, neither take thou vengeance of my sins. Spare me because I am the work of thy hands ; O, spare me also because I have been redeemed by thy Son's most precious blood, and, for his sake, lay not to my charge whatever I have said or done against thee.

Open my eyes and my heart, that I may see, and consider, and abhor the error of my own ways, and the crookedness of my own will ; and turn me into the straight path, that I may

walk therein in all holiness and purity, after
thy will.

Deliver me from the secret crafts and open
assaults of my great enemy; from the treachery
of my own heart, and the violence of my
own passions; and from the particular tempta-
tions to which, by time, place, or temper, I
am most exposed.

Give me a true and hearty repentance for
all my past offences, and a sincere and effectual
resolution to amend my life for the time
to come; and grant that this present day I
may begin perfectly to walk before thee, as
becometh those that are called to an inheri-
tance of light in Christ.

O holy and ever-blessed Jesus, who being
the eternal Son of God, and most high in the
glory of God the Father, didst vouchsafe for
us sinners to be born of a humble virgin, and
to take our low nature upon thee, that as man
thou mightest suffer for the sins of men, and as
on this day suffer the death of the cross for our
redemption; work in me, I beseech thee, such
a sense of thy infinite love, that adoring thee,
and believing in thee as my Lord, I may trust
in thine infinite merits, obey thy blessed com-
mands, and finally enjoy thy promises.

O eternal and merciful God, I humbly

beseech thee to bless thy spouse the holy Catholic Church, wheresoever spread upon the face of the whole earth. Good Lord, purge it from all heresy, schism, superstition, and error: help this particular Church in which I live; make all its members sound in faith and holy in life; but especially so illuminate all its bishops, priests, and deacons (particularly those under whose care I am placed), with the true knowledge of Christ, and understanding of thy word, according as thy Spirit meant it, that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth to thy glory; and all thy people committed to their charge may from their mouths meekly hear thy word, and through thy gracious assistance bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

O Lord, bless all the afflicted members of thy Son, wheresoever or howsoever distressed, more especially —; send them constant patience, or speedy deliverance, as seems best to thee, and is best for them, according to their several wants and necessities.

Bless all my kindred and acquaintance, and abundantly reward my friends and benefactors. If I have enemies, turn their hearts, O Lord; make them of enemies to become my friends. Into thy hands I commend my soul

and body this morning. O bless me, and keep me this day without sin.

Our Father, &c.

HICKS.

Devotions during the Day.

Prayer for the benefits of Christ's sufferings and death.

O ETERNAL Son of God, the brightness of thy Father's glory, and the express image of his person, God blessed for ever; who to save sinful man wast pleased to become man, and to be all thy life long a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, persecuted and rejected, and at last crucified as a malefactor; favorably with mercy behold thy servant, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

By the merit of thy most bitter sufferings, by all the love thou hast shown to the children of men, I humbly beseech thee, O Lord, look graciously upon me; and intercede for me with the Father, that for thy sake he may be gracious unto me, and forgive me all my sins, and lift up the light of his countenance upon me.

And grant, O blessed Saviour, that I may always bear in my mind such a devout remem-

brance and feeling of thy bitter passion, as may be a powerful protection to my soul against all the assaults of my spiritual adversaries, and may effectually engage me to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts; and to run with patience the race thou hast set before me, evermore looking unto thee, the Captain of our salvation, who wast made perfect through suffering; and who for the joy that was set before thee didst endure the cross, despising the shame, and art now set down on the right hand of the throne of glory.

And I beseech thee, O blessed Jesus, let the sense of thy wonderful love, in thus dying for my sake, inflame my soul with such an invincible love of thee, and with such an ardent zeal for thy glory, that if ever thy providence should make it my duty, I may be ready cheerfully to embrace even death itself, though armed with the utmost terrors, rather than forsake thee.

O, let the firm belief of the immortal joys and the glorious rewards thou hast prepared for those that suffer for thee support me under all trials and temptations, that I may be a follower of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Make me careful so to do thy holy will, that I may have comfort and joy, if need be, in suffering for it. Grant this,

O blessed Lord, who didst willingly lay down thy life for me, and didst rise again from the dead, and now sittest at the right hand of the Father to intercede for all thy faithful disciples. Amen.

Now unto Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first-begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth ; unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father ; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

HELM.

Prayer for the Evening.

O LORD, the great Creator and Governor of all things, I fall down before thee in an humble adoration of thy incomprehensible majesty, acknowledging that I depend entirely upon thee ; praising and magnifying thy most glorious power, wisdom, and goodness, which are every where conspicuous ; and rendering unto thee my most hearty thanks for all the favors and benefits which thou hast so freely and undeservedly conferred upon me.

Thou art bountiful to the whole world ; all thy works praise thee, O Lord ; and we, the children of men, ought more particularly to bless thee and speak good of thy Name, for we have received singular marks and tokens of thy favor, being made after thine own image, and endued with reasonable and immortal spirits, that we may reflect upon thee the Author of our being, and become like unto thee in wisdom, holiness, goodness, and truth : and above all, I desire to remember that great demonstration of thy love, in giving thy dear Son to live among us, to die for us, and thereby to give us (through faith and sincere obedience) an assured hope of immortal life.

O Lord, I desire to renew the oblation which I have often made of my soul and body to thee ; I wait upon thee still for what thou seest good for both ; I hope in thy everlasting mercy, humbly beseeching thee to pardon all my forgetfulness of thee and ingratitude to thee ; and I most earnestly implore the grace of thy Holy Spirit to preserve in my mind a powerful sense of thee, an ardent love to thee, and a holy care to please and obey thee in all things.

Give me the same mind and spirit which was in Jesus Christ my Lord ; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and the fear of

thee ; the spirit of meekness, humility, purity, and charity ; and grant that I may do thy will with the like cheerfulness, zeal, constancy, patience, and perseverance, that he did.

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, for all the helps and assistances of thy good Spirit, which thou hast already blessed me withal. O, vouchsafe still to continue to me thy gracious favor and protection ; and as thou hast preserved me hitherto this day, so bless me the remaining part of it : keep me in peace and innocence, in love to thee, and charity to my neighbor ; and do thou direct my paths, and teach me to manage all my affairs with prudence and discretion.

Thou art my hope and my confidence, my satisfaction and my peace, my glory and my joy. O, be thou pleased to conduct me by thy good Spirit through all the business and enjoyments, through all the temptations and troubles of this life ; and never leave nor forsake me, but bring me at last to that blessed place where our Lord Jesus Christ liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, world without end.

O Lord, I pray not for myself alone, but for the whole race of mankind ; and in a more especial manner for this Church and nation to

which I belong. Let the virtue and efficacy of Christ's death and passion be extended far and wide, and grant that true religion and virtue may everywhere flourish and abound.

Bless all orders and degrees of men amongst us, especially those whom thou hast appointed to rule over us; endue them with all those graces and virtues which may enable them to discharge their several trusts in such a manner as may promote thy honor and glory, and the peace and prosperity both of Church and State.

Hear the prayers of the sick and needy, and of all that labor under any trouble or affliction; and of thy fatherly goodness comfort and relieve them according to their necessities.

I commend to thy particular favor and protection —, and all my relations and friends: let thy fear be ever before their eyes; let thy blessing always rest upon them; and grant them all things necessary for life and godliness.

Accept, O Lord, I humbly beseech thee, the evening sacrifice of my unfeigned praises, which I now offer up to thy divine majesty, for the great and manifold mercies vouchsafed unto me, and more particularly for the mercies of the day past: for preserving me in health and

safety; for providing so plentifully for me, and continuing to me the enjoyment of so many comforts. And I most humbly beseech thee to continue thy mercy and goodness towards me and all belonging to me. Defend us this night from all dangers both of soul and body; grant us quiet and refreshing sleep; and if thou art pleased to add another day to our lives, give us grace to employ it in such a manner as may be well pleasing in thy sight; through the merits and for the sake of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord Our Father, &c.

NEW MANUAL.

SATURDAY.

Meditations.

O LORD, be gracious unto us, for we have waited for thee. Be thou our arm every morning, and our salvation in the time of trouble.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who, as on this seventh day, didst rest from all thy works, and didst bless and hallow it for a memorial of the creation—for a sign of the covenant made

with thy peculiar people—for a thankful remembrance of their release out of the Egyptian bondage.

O, may I always most thankfully acknowledge my absolute dependence on thee, and thy great goodness and bounty to me and all thy creatures; may I always adore and bless thee for all the gracious dispensations of thy Providence.

Blessed art thou, my God and my Saviour, who wast content to lie this day in the bowels of the earth, and be like to them that are slain, who sleep in the grave, and pass out of remembrance.

Give to me, Lord, and to all who are baptized into thy death, grace so to mortify our corrupt affections, that we may effectually be buried with thee; and finally, through the grave and gate of death, may, by thy merits, pass to our joyful resurrection.

BISHOP ANDREWES

Prayer for the Morning.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of mercy and comfort, with reverence and fear, yet with humble con-

fidence, I approach to thy throne of grace, begging of thee mercy and protection, pardon and salvation.

O my God, I am a sinner, but sorrowful and repenting. Thou art justly offended at me, but yet thou art my Lord and my Father, merciful and gracious. Be pleased to blot all my sins out of thy remembrance, and heal my soul, that I may never any more sin against thee.

Pardon the adherent imperfections of my life, the weaknesses of my duty, the carelessness of my spirit, my ignorance, my want of diligence, my rashness, thoughtlessness, and presumption.

Turn thine eyes from my impurity, and behold the brightness and purest innocence of the holy Jesus. Under his cover I plead my cause, not that thou shouldst judge my sins, but give pardon, and blot out all my iniquities; so that I may never enter into those regions where there are torments without ceasing, reproaches without comfort, darkness without light, a worm that never dies, and the fire that never goeth out.

Lord, open my eyes, that I may see my own infirmities, and watch against them; and my own follies, that I may amend them. And be

pleased to give me perfect understanding in the way of godliness, that I may walk in it all the days of my pilgrimage. Give me spiritual strength, holy resolution, the whole armor of God and thy protection, the guard of angels and the conduct of thy Holy Spirit, to be my security in the hour of danger.

Give me grace to fly from all occasions of sin, that I may never tempt myself nor delight to be tempted ; and let thy blessed providence so order the accidents of my life, that I may not dwell near an enemy. And when thou shalt try me, and suffer me to enter into combat, be thou always on my side, that I may fight valiantly, resist the devil, endure patiently, and persevere constantly unto the end, that thou mayst crown thy own work in me.

Let thy Holy Spirit so overrule me, that I may pity the afflicted, and be compassionate, and have a fellow-feeling of my brother's sorrows; that I may, as much as I can, promote his good, and give thee thanks for it ; that I may rejoice when thy kingdom is advanced, when thy Spirit rules, when thy Church is profited, when the devil's interest is destroyed ; truly loving thee, and truly loving my brother.

Unite every member of the Church to thee in holy bands ; let there be no more names of

division, nor titles and ensigns of error and partiality ; let not us who are brethren contend, but in giving honor to each other, and glory to thee ; contending earnestly for the faith, but not to the breach of charity, nor the denying each other's hope. But grant that we may all join in the promotion of the honor of thee our Father, in celebrating the name, and spreading the family, and propagating the laws and institutions, of our elder Brother ; that, despising the transitory entertainments of this world, we may all labor for, and long after, the inheritance to which thou hast given us a title by adopting us into the dignity of sons.

Blessed be thy Name, O God, who hast preserved me this night from sin and sorrow, from sad chances, and a violent death ; from the malice of the devil, and the evil effects of my own corrupted nature and infirmity. The outgoings of the morning and evening shall praise thee ; and thy servant shall rejoice in giving thee praise for the operation of thy hands.

Let thy providence and care watch over me this day, and all my whole life, that I may never sin against thee by idleness or folly, by evil company or private sins, by word or deed, by thought or desire ; and let the employment of every day leave no sorrow, or the remem-

brance of an evil conscience at night; but let it be holy and profitable, blessed and innocent; that, when the days of my short abode are done, and the shadow is departed, I may die in thy fear and favor, and rest in holy hope, and at last return to the joys of a blessed resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name, and in whose words, in behalf of myself, and all my friends, and all thy servants, I humbly and heartily pray. Our Father, &c.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

Devotions during the Day.

A solemn dedication of ourselves to God, and prayer for grace and perseverance in the faith and obedience of the Gospel.

O ETERNAL Lord God, heavenly Father, who desirerest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; look down, I humbly beseech thee, upon me thy sinful creature; and for thine infinite mercy's sake, for the sake of thy dearly beloved Son, in whom thou art well pleased, pardon, I beseech thee, all my sins and infirmities, and create me again after thy likeness, in righteousness and true holiness, that I

may walk henceforward in newness of life, and with health and vigor of soul may serve and glorify thee for ever.

I come now before thee, O Lord, to make a fresh dedication of myself to thy service, and to implore the assistance of thine almighty grace to enable me to perform my vows and engagements. To thee, O glorious Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three persons in one God-head, I desire to devote myself, my soul and body, and all the powers and faculties of both. I desire to abjure every sinful practice; and I purpose, by thy gracious assistance, from this time forth for evermore to pay sincere obedience to all thy commandments. This, O Lord, in the sincerity of my soul, I do here humbly and heartily promise before thy divine Majesty.

O Thou, who alone workest in us both to will and to do of thy good pleasure, and who hast declared that thou wilt never leave nor forsake those who are truly desirous to serve and please thee, let thy Holy Spirit, I beseech thee, be so powerfully and so continually present with me, that I may faithfully perform what I have solemnly promised. Inspire me more and more with patience and constancy of mind, that I may stand fast in all good res-

olutions, in despite of every temptation I may meet with to the contrary.

And since I know that thou art present with me wheresoever I am, and dost always behold me whatsoever I am doing, O do thou possess my soul with such a lively sense of thy presence, as may be a constant check to all sinful inclinations, and make me afraid of ever offending thee, and incessantly careful and solicitous to please thee.

Remove from me, I beseech thee, all unprofitable sadness, and give me an even tranquillity of mind, and a becoming cheerfulness of spirit; inspiring me with an earnest desire and expectation of the blessings which thou hast promised to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee: and grant, good Lord, I pray thee, that having this glorious prospect always in mine eye I may run the way of thy commandments with delight; and forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, may be still pressing forward toward the mark for the prize of thy high calling in Christ Jesus.

Finally that I may be more and more strengthened and confirmed in the good resolutions I have now made, stir me up, I beseech

thee, to a diligent attendance on thy public ordinances. Let it be a constant delight to me to wait on thee in the assembly of thy saints : and give me grace always to come before thee with awful apprehensions of thine infinite Majesty ; to hear thy word with reverence and attention ; to offer up my prayers and thanksgivings with fervency and devotion ; and to approach thy holy table with that humility, and love, and gratitude, and resignation both of soul and body, which become the solemn remembrance and representation of my Saviour's death and passion.

In these things, O Lord, and whatsoever else is needful to secure my perseverance in the faith and obedience of thy Gospel, and the final salvation of my immortal soul, I humbly beg that thou wouldest be graciously pleased to assist me ; for Jesus Christ his sake, to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

HELM

Saturday Evening.

ACCEPT, O gracious Father, this my evening sacrifice of most humble and hearty thanks for all the mercies and blessings of this day, and

not only of this day, but of all the days of my past life. Thy daily care hath been of me, and my daily praises are due unto thee; to whom I owe my being and well-being, even all that I am, and all that I have.

O almighty God, whose wisdom and goodness hath vouchsafed to command such things as are necessary to fit thy creatures for everlasting bliss, and forbid such as will make them eternally miserable, I thine unworthy servant do humbly prostrate my soul and body before the throne of thy adorable Majesty, to accuse and condemn myself with true and hearty sorrow for all the sins of my life; and particularly for those I have committed this day by thought, word, and deed.

O gracious Father, as is thy majesty, so is thy mercy infinite; and therefore I beseech thee to hear my humble supplication for the forgiveness of my transgressions. Forgive them all, O Lord, of what kind or degree soever they are—my sins of omission, and my sins of commission—the sins of my youth, and the sins of my riper years—my secret and my more open sins—my sins of ignorance and surprise, and my more deliberate and presumptuous sins—the sins I know and remember, and the sins I have forgot;—forgive them, O

Lord,—forgive them all, for His sake, who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, and now lives to make intercession for us Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant, O Father of mercies, that henceforth, if I live, I may live unto thee, or if I die, I may die unto thee, that Christ thy Son may be glorified in my body and in my soul, whether I live or die; that neither life nor death, nor any other creature, may be able to separate me from the love of thee in Christ Jesus my Lord; that so soon as the earthly house of this my tabernacle shall be dissolved, I may possess an eternal habitation, not made with hands, in the heavens, through the merits of the same, thy Son, my only Redeemer and Mediator.

O God, the comfortable repose of thy servants in hope, and their blissful rest in everlasting possession; obedieft to thy call by the voice of nature, behold, I now retire to rest, and, instructed by thy grace, confidently resign my all into the hands of thy ever-waking providence; most humbly beseeching thee, that, if it please thee, by convenient refreshment, still to protract my life, to grant that I may rise from my bed with a thankful heart, and return with a cheerful and holy disposition to the duties of the day, and to glorify

thee by my good works, through Jesus Christ my Lord.

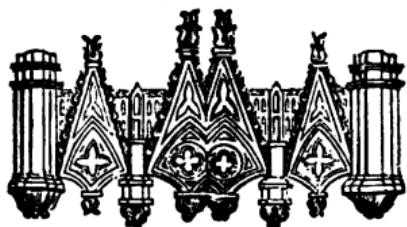
O heavenly Father, who hast commanded us to love one another as thy children, and hast ordained the highest friendship in the bond of thy Spirit, I beseech thee to maintain and preserve me always in the same bond, to thy glory and our mutual comfort, with all those to whom I am bound by any special tie, either of nature or of choice; that we may be perfected together in that love which is from above, and which never faileth, when all other things shall fail.

Bless more particularly, and govern by thy grace, the family with whom I am connected; bless my kindred, acquaintances, friends, benefactors [especially —], and all and every one of thy servants whom thou willest to be more nearly knit unto us in any relation whatever. Distribute thy blessings among them according as may on all accounts be fittest for them; give them such temporal blessings as may be most for the advancement of their eternal interests; and, above all, send down the dew of thy heavenly grace upon them, and pour the light of thy Spirit into their hearts, which may lead them in thy way, and enable them to walk in the same all the days of their life; that we

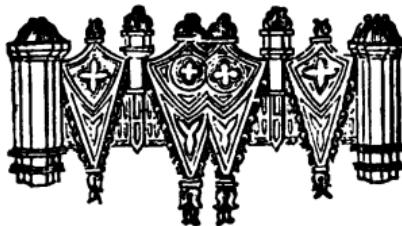
may have joy in each other that passeth not away ; and having lived together in love here may live for ever together in the glory of thy kingdom hereafter ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. To whom, &c.

HICKES.





Debotions
SUITED TO
Various Circumstances and Occasions.





In the primitive Church there were, besides morning and night, four other times every day, which were called Hours of Prayer; and the zeal of those first Christians was such as made them constantly observed. This pious example, it is much to be wished, that all those who are not by any necessary business prevented, would constantly imitate; and that none may be so seek how to exercise their devotions at such times, the following collection of prayers and thanksgivings is added; out of which the devout Christian may select, for his present use, what best suits the wants and necessities of his soul.





DEVOTIONS, ETC.

CONFESSiON OF SIN.

I.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done : And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent ; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake ; That we may

hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

LITURGY.

II.

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* The plural "we," &c., has been retained in many of the prayers from the Liturgy, but the singular may in all cases be substituted.

III.

[*After a relapse into sin.]*

O LORD God Almighty, just and true, thou only Sovereign of the world, on whom is all my dependence, and from whom is all my hope and expectation ; I am ashamed, and blush to appear before thee, seeing I have so highly offended thy divine Majesty. I know not how to lift up mine eyes unto heaven ; but am forced to smite upon my breast, and call upon thee to have mercy upon me a sinner.

I have sinned against thee from time to time, and have aggravated my sins with many heinous and dreadful circumstances ; and though I have resolved, and promised, and vowed amendment, yet have I again broken my faith, relapsed into my former guilt, and have thereby cut off myself from all right to thy promises.

And what can I now plead for myself ? From the bar of thy justice I flee to the throne of thy mercy ; beseeching thee to be favorable unto me, because thou delightest in mercy. O, let me not be miserable ; though I have taken the ready road to misery, have perverted my ways, and have run upon destruction with my eyes open. I acknowledge with shame and sorrow that I have sinned against thee, when

I knew myself to be in thy presence, and when I was fully convinced how evil and bitter a thing sin is. My conscience accuses me; my heart condemns me; and thou, who art greater than my heart, and knowest all things, mayest justly stop thine ears, when I cry unto thee in the anguish of my soul, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. I have sinned against the light of thy Gospel, and thine infinite love to me; against the terrors of thy threatenings, the drawings of thy mercy, the rebukes of thy Spirit, the checks of my own conscience, and my most solemn vows and engagements.

Yet is not my sin too great for thee to pardon or remove from me, that I may never more repeat it. If thou wilt, thou canst make me whole again. The more my wickedness has abounded, the more, therefore, let thy grace and mercy abound. Absolve me from the guilt, deliver me from the power, cleanse me from the pollution, save me from the punishment of this and all my other offences; reconcile me to thyself here, and crown me with immortal glory hereafter; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

SPINOKES.

FOR PARDON OF SIN.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hast promised to pardon all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe thy holy Gospel; I beseech thee to grant me true repentance and thy Holy Spirit, that those things may please thee which I do at this present; and that the rest of my life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last I may come to thine eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

II.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

III.

[To be used especially at times of fasting and humiliation.]

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall

we be turned. Be favorable, O Lord, be favorable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying; for thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity: thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

IV.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who, for our many and grievous sins [those especially which we have committed against thee since the last solemn time of our humiliation and repentance], mightest most justly have cut us off in the midst of our days, but in the multitude of thy mercies hast hitherto spared us; accept, we most heartily beseech thee, our unfeigned sorrow for all our former transgressions, and grant that we may never so presume on thy mercy, as to despise the riches of thy goodness; but that thy forbearance and long-

suffering may lead us to repentance, and an amendment of our sinful lives, to thy honor and glory, and our final acquittance and absolution at the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP COSIN.

v.

O HOLY and most merciful Father, spare me, thy poor sinful but repenting creature. Spare me, good Lord, spare me; and let me not perish in my sins, but through thine infinite mercies find pardon of the same. I am a sinful person, O Lord; but thou, O blessed Jesus, art the Saviour of sinners, and thou didst come into the world to call sinners to repentance. Lord, I come at thy call; cast me not and my repentance away.

I have gone astray, and am very defective in my return to thee. But thou, gracious Lord, knowest our frame, and considerest whereof we are made. O, be not extreme to mark mine offences but for Christ's sake blot out all mine iniquities.

And now that I have found the way to thy fear, let me find the comforts of thy mercy. My spirit is broken, and trembleth at thy words; O Lord, revive it. It is heavy-laden

and wearied with my sins; O my God, give it ease from the same. Pity me, O Father, as a father pitith his own children. Receive me as the offending father received the returning prodigal. Though I was lost, yet now, by the blessing of thy grace, I am found again. O, welcome thy lost sheep when it returns home; and let there be joy in heaven on this repentance of me a lost sinner.

O, let the blood of Jesus cleanse me from all my sins. Let his intercession for me in thy presence make my peace, and appease thy wrath. Shut not thine ears against the voice of his blood, nor be deaf to his mediation; but hear him, my Advocate, for my pardon. And let me find the forgiveness of all my sins; that thy troubled and trembling servant may have peace; and that thou mayest be sought unto, and feared, and served by sinners, who will return unto thee in hopes of thy grace and pardoning mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

KETTLEWELL.

VI.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, look down upon me, thine unworthy servant, who here prostrate myself at the footstool of thy

throne of grace; but look upon me, O Father, through the mediation and in the merits of Jesus Christ, in whom only thou art well pleased; for of myself I am not worthy to stand before thee, or to speak with my unclean lips to thee, O most holy and eternal God. For as in sin I was conceived and born, so likewise I have broken all thy commandments by my sinful motions, unclean thoughts, evil words, and wicked works; omitting many duties I ought to do, and committing many vices which thou hast forbidden under pain of thy heavy displeasure. As for my sins, O Lord, they are innumerable; wherefore I stand here liable to all the miseries of this life, and everlasting torments in that to come, if thou shouldst deal with me according to my deserts. I confess, O Lord, that it is thy mercy, which endureth for ever, and thy compassion which never fails, which are the causes that I have not been long ago consumed. But with thee there is mercy, and plenteous redemption: in the multitude, therefore, of thy mercies, and by the merits of Jesus Christ, I entreat thy divine Majesty, that thou wouldest not enter into judgment with thy servant, nor be extreme to mark what is done amiss; but be thou merciful unto me, and wash away all my sins with that precious

blood which my Saviour shed for me. And I beseech thee, O Lord, not only to wash away my sins, but also to purge my heart by thy Holy Spirit from the dross of natural corruption; and as thou dost add days to my life, so, good Lord, I beseech thee to add repentance to my days, that, when I have passed this mortal life, I may be partaker of thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KING CHARLES I.

VII.

O MOST merciful God, whose goodness is great, and the multitudes of thy mercies are innumerable, have mercy upon me; for my sins are ever before me, presented by the continual accusations of a troubled conscience. I have sinned against thee, and done evil in thy sight; and yet, because thou art the God of mercy and fountain of eternal purity, delighting in the conversion and salvation of a sinner, I present unto thee the sacrifice of a troubled spirit, of a broken and contrite heart, beseeching thee to let the dew of thy favor and the fire of thy love wash away my sins and purify my soul. Make me a clean heart, O God, and pure hands: and though my sins be as scarlet

yet do thou make them like wool; though they be as purple, yet make them as white as snow. Restore to me the voice of joy and gladness; let me not be for ever separate from the sweet refreshings of thy favor and presence; but give me the comforts of thy help again, and let thy good Spirit loose me from the bondage of sin, and establish me in the liberty and freedom of the sons of God. So shall I sing of thy righteousness, and my lips shall give thee praise in the congregation of thy redeemed ones; now, henceforth, and forever. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

FOR THE CHURCH.

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, I make my humble supplications unto thy divine Majesty for all estates of men in thy holy Church; that every member of the same may truly and faithfully discharge the duties of his vocation and ministry, eschewing those things that are contrary to his profession, and following all such things as are agreeable to the same. And because it

cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness, that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and most merciful Father, I beseech thee to extend thy mercy and compassion to all mankind. O, let the Sun of Righteousness give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; call home thine ancient people the Jews; take off the veil from their hearts, that so both Jew and Gentile may be brought to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and to a participation of all the benefits of the new covenant in his blood.

Bless, O Lord, the congregation of all Christian people; reform whatever is amiss in the belief or life of every one who is called by that holy name. Unite them more and more one to another in thy truth, in the bond of love, and in all holy conversation. Deliver, O Lord, the Western Churches from the miserable yoke of papal usurpation; and the once glorious Churches of the East from the cruel tyranny of infidels. Unite the hearts of princes and pastors in the great work of advancing thy

kingdom in righteousness and holiness. Bless all who seek the peace of thy Jerusalem; may peace be within their walls, and plenteousness within their palaces; and may all that love her prosper.

Blessed God, I beseech thee, in a more especial manner, to be favorable and gracious to the Church in this commonwealth; protect and defend her against all her adversaries; suffer neither superstition nor profaneness to pollute her holy worship; deck her priests with righteousness and salvation; and let her saints rejoice and sing; and give us all grace to walk worthy of our most holy profession, that thou mayest still delight to dwell among us, and to do us good; and that thy holy worship and service, which we now enjoy, may by thy mighty protection be continued to us and our posterity for ever. And this I beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Hymn.

II.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast by the example of thine infinite love towards mankind taught and commanded all Christ's disciples to love one another, to be of one mind, and to live in peace; look down, I

humblly beseech thee, in much pity and compassion upon this Church and nation; and pardon our lamentable violations of these holy precepts by our unchristian animosities, and hatreds, and discords, and dissensions. Convince every one of us thoroughly of our sin; and give us grace, O Lord, seriously to lay to heart the great danger we are in by our unhappy divisions. Give us a right understanding of ourselves and of our religion, and so affect our hearts with that incomprehensible love which thou hast shown unto us in our blessed Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus, that we may be followers of thee, our God, as dear children, and walk in love as Christ hath loved us, and given himself an offering and a sacrifice for us. Allay all our intemperate heats; subdue our violent passions; free us from all prejudices and evil surmisings; and purge out of our hearts all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking, with all malice; that we may be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as thou for Christ's sake hast forgiven us. And more especially endue all those who are the guides of others, all the pastors of thy Church, with this heavenly spirit; that there may be no divisions among them, but they may be perfectly joined

together in the same mind and the same judgment, and thereby lead their people in the way of love, as well as truth. Give them grace, O Lord, to remember and consider, that the servants of the Lord ought not to strive, but to be gentle unto all men (much more one towards another), apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those who oppose themselves; that they may become examples to their flocks of these most excellent virtues, and teach them not only by their doctrine, but by their practice also, to love without dissimulation, to be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another. Be pleased also to inspire the hearts of all our civil governors and magistrates with such love unto thee, and to this Church and nation, that they may employ their most zealous endeavors in this blessed work of being peace-makers, by healing our unhappy breaches, and reconciling all opposite parties; remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God; and that the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. O, that these sacred truths may be deeply engraven on all our hearts, and never depart out of our thoughts; that so every one of us, in our

several places, may earnestly follow after the things which make for peace, and things where-with one may edify another. Now the God of all patience and consolation grant us to be like-minded one towards another, according to Christ Jesus; having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; doing nothing through strife or vain-glory, but in lowliness of mind esteeming each other better than ourselves; that we may with one mind and with one mouth glorify thee our God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

H. L. R.

III.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of peace, give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; let not heresies and false doctrines disturb the peace of the Church, nor schisms and causeless divisions weaken it: but grant us to be of one heart and one mind in serving thee our God, and obeying thy blessed will; that, as there is but one body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may

henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

IV.

[For our spiritual overseers.]

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down upon thy servant, our pastor and overseer,* thy heavenly blessing; and so endue him with thy Holy Spirit, that he, preaching thy word, may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke with all patience and doctrine, but also may be to such as believe a wholesome example in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in charity, in purity; that, faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day he may

* These words may be used in the plural, when circumstances require it.

receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord the righteous Judge, who liveth and reigneth one God with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

LITURGY.

V.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders in thy Church, give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who have been called to any office and administration in the same (especially those under whose ministry we are placed); and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

VI.

[*For the clergy and people.*]

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon our bishops and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the

continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY.

VII.

[*Thanksgiving for the blessing of the apostolical ministry.*]

ALMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, who of thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who, after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors; by whose labor and ministry he gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy Name: For these so great benefits of thy eternal goodness, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to perpetuate among us the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship thee; and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy blessed Son, to grant unto all which either here or elsewhere call

upon thy holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto thee for these and all other thy benefits; and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Son, by thy Holy Spirit. So that, as well by the ministers of thy Church, as by them over whom they are appointed, thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

LITURGY.

VIII.

[Thanksgiving for spiritual mercies.]

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee for all spiritual privileges which thou hast conferred upon us as members of thy Church, whereby thou dost assure us of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people, and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us

with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

LITURGY.

IX.

[*In times of persecution.*]

GRANT O Lord, who art the strength of all that put their trust in thee, that thy grace may sustain me against being shaken from thy faith and worship by the dread of men or rage of devils; support me under the present persecution, and preserve me in the strictest obedience to all thy commandments. Let no temptations prevail on me to betray thy truth, or forsake thy afflicted Church; but give me grace to glory in the cross of Christ, and cheerfully to follow the Captain of our salvation, who was made perfect through sufferings. Let me not faint or be discouraged at the outward prosperity of our persecutors, but give me grace to pity and pray for them, and to return them good for evil. To thy persecuted truth, and those faithful ministers who undauntedly profess it, let me constantly adhere; their holy

offices let me daily attend, their doctrines and examples patiently observe and follow, that with them I may, through many tribulations and persecutions, enter into the kingdom of heaven, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HICKMA.

Another.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, and who hast promised to rescue thy Church from all her adversaries, and make her glorious upon earth; may it please thee to stretch forth thine hand upon the furiousness of her enemies, and so stir up thy strength for us, that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all persecutions, that the devil or man worketh against us. Amend, O Lord, what is amiss in us, and confirm the remainder that is about to perish. Arise, O God, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old; remember thy Church, which thou hast purchased and redeemed with the most precious blood of thy blessed Son; save, help, and deliver us, for thy Name's sake, and tread down every enemy that hath evil will at Sion, for Christ Jesus' sake, the Captain of our salvation, to whom,

with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor, glory, and worship, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

REV. C. LESLIE.

FOR OUR RULERS.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favor to behold and bless thy servant, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LITURGY.

FOR CONGRESS AND STATE LEGISLATURE.

To be used during their session.

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the people of these United States [*or*, the

people of this State] in general, so especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress [or, in Legislature] assembled; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honor, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

LITURGY.

IN SICKNESS.

I

[*At the commencement of sickness.*]

O HEAVENLY Father, who in thy wisdom knowest what is best for me, if it seem good in thy sight, remove this distemper from me, so that I may employ my health to thy glory, and praise thy Name. But if thou art pleased that it should greatly increase, I willingly sub-

mit to thy afflicting hand; for thou art wont to chastise those whom thou dost love; and I am sure thou wilt lay no more on me than thou wilt enable me to bear.

I know, O my God, that thou sendest this sickness on me for my good, even to humble and to prove me; O, grant it may work that saving effect in me.

Lord, create in me a true penitent sorrow for all my sins past, a steadfast faith in thee, and sincere resolutions of amendment for the time to come.

Deliver me from all frowardness and impatience, and give me an entire resignation to thy divine will. O, suffer not the disease to take away my senses; and do thou continually supply me with devout and holy thoughts. Lord, bless all the means that are used for my recovery, and restore me to my health; but if otherwise thou hast appointed for me, thy blessed will be done. O, wean my affections from all things below, and fill me with ardent desires after heaven. Lord, fit me for thyself; and at thine own good time bring me to joys unspeakable and full of glory. Grant this, for the sake of thy only Son Jesus, my Saviour.
Amen.

BISHOP KEN.

II.

[*For a blessing on the use of medicine.*]

O MOST blessed and eternal Jesus, the great Physician of our souls, the Sun of Righteousness arising with healing in thy wings, who disposesst every great and little accident to the glory of God, and to the comfort of them that love and serve him, be pleased to bless the ministry of thy servant in order to mine ease and health; direct his judgment, prosper the medicines, and dispose the chances of my sickness fortunately, that I may feel the blessing and loving-kindness of the Lord in the ease or prevention of pain, and the restitution or preservation of health; and being restored to the society of the living and to thy solemn assemblies, I may praise thee and thy goodness secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation of the redeemed ones, here in the outer courts of the Lord, and hereafter in thine eternal temple. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

[*Upon taking medicine.*]

O LORD, the Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, our only help in time of need, I most humbly supplicate thy favor to thy

faithful servant, lying under thy correction. Lay no more upon me than thou wilt enable me to bear. Consider my feeble mortal constitution, and proportion my distemper to my strength, that I may know how to bear it with a true Christian patience and resignation to thy divine will. Hear my complaints, and remove the cause of them, as shall seem to thee most expedient for me. Give a blessing to what I now take, in order to recover my lost health. Be thou my chief Physician, for thy direction cannot fail me. And seeing I put my whole trust in thee, vouchsafe of thy great mercy to administer to me in my necessity, and to grant me ease, and comfort, and health here in this world; and fit me for everlasting life with thee, and thy holy angels and saints, in the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SPINCKES.

III.

[*For a sick person, when there is little hope of recovery.]*

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for succor, in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon him, O Lord; and the more the outward man

decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* past life, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favor, *his* soul may be received into thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord, and Saviour. Amen.

LITURGY.

IV

[*A commendatory prayer for a sick person at the point of departure.*]

O ALMIGHTY GOD, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We

humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us who survive, in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

Another.

We brought nothing into this world, neither may we carry any thing out of this world. The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away. Even as the Lord pleaseth, so cometh every

thing to pass. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Into thy merciful hands, O Lord, we commend the soul of this thy servant, now departing from the body; acknowledge, we meekly beseech thee, a work of thine own hands, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the blessed arms of thy unspeakable mercy, into the sacred rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious estate of thy chosen saints in heaven.

God the Father, who hath created thee; God the Son, who hath redeemed thee; God the Holy Ghost, who hath infused his grace into thee—be now and evermore thy defence, assist thee in this thy last trial, and bring thee into the way of everlasting life. Amen.

Christ, that redeemed thee with his agony and bloody death, have mercy upon thee, and strengthen thee in this agony of death. Amen.

Christ Jesus, that rose the third day from death, raise up thy body again in the resurrection of the just. Amen.

Christ, that ascended into heaven, and now sitteth at the right hand of God, bring thee into the place of eternal happiness and joy. Amen.

God the Father preserve and keep thee; God the Son assist and strengthen thee; God the Holy Ghost defend and aid thee; God the Holy Trinity be ever with thee; that thy death may be precious in the sight of the Lord, with whom thou shalt live for evermore. Amen.

BISHOP COEN.

V.

[*Thanksgiving for recovery from sickness.*]

O LORD God, who hast wounded me for my sins, and consumed me for my transgressions, by thy late heavy visitation; and now, in the midst of judgment remembering mercy, hast redeemed my soul from the jaws of death; I offer unto thy fatherly goodness myself, my soul, and body, which thou hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto thee, always praising and magnifying thy mercies in the midst of thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

Another.

MOST gracious and merciful God, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, I, thy unworthy servant, who have been un-

der thine afflictiong hand, and am raised again from the bed of sickness, do here present myself before thee, in a thankful sense of thy great mercy and goodness towards me. Blessed be thy holy Name, for supporting me under the pain and anguish of my sick bed, for the seasonable supplies of patience and comfort which thou didst graciously afford me, and for restoring me in thy good time to the blessings of health and strength.

I adore the richness of thy goodness, in giving me a right knowledge of thee, and thy ways in these thy dispensations to me, and in making them the happy means to bring me to a sense of the evil of my doings, and to a serious consideration of my future state. Before I was afflicted, I went astray, I forgot my duty to thee, and followed the imaginations of my own heart; my thoughts were taken up with the business and entertainments of this world, and the care of my soul was neglected and forgotten. But thy chastisements have brought me back into the right way; and now, to my unspeakable comfort and happiness, my affections are placed upon the things above, and the things that concern my everlasting salvation. To thee, therefore, O my God, who hast not cut me off in the midst of my sins, but hast in great merc

given me space for repentance and amendment; to thee will I live in holiness and righteousness all my days; forsaking every evil way, and studying above all things to do that which is well-pleasing in thy sight. And in a sense of my own weakness and frailty, I earnestly implore the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, to subdue my inordinate desires, to break the power of all evil habits, and to keep me steadfast in every promise and resolution that I made before thee in the day of my distress; all which I do now, in thy presence, most sincerely and heartily renew. And I beseech thee, let me never be drawn to forget or neglect them, either by the cares and pleasures of this world, or by the hopes of a long continuance in it; but give me grace always to make eternity my chief care and concern; and let thy late gracious warning of mortality teach me the uncertainty of my abode upon earth, and oblige me to live in a daily preparation to die. That so, having duly profited by thy fatherly chastisement, and employing the remainder of my days to thy glory, and the salvation of my own soul, I may be found watching whenever my appointed time shall come, and may change this frail state of mortality for an immortal crown of glory. All which I humbly beg of thee, through the mer-

its and mediation of Jesus Christ, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

BISHOP GIBSON.

FOR GRACE TO SUFFER AS A GOOD CHRISTIAN.

O BLESSED Jesus, who in thy wise providence thinkest fit sometimes to call thy faithful servants to bear their cross, and to suffer for thy sake, who didst suffer a most ignominious death for them; bring me not to suffer till thou hast fitted and prepared me for it, and lay no more upon me than thou wilt enable me willingly and thankfully to bear. Let me not rashly expose myself to danger without thy call, nor suffer for mine own fancy or folly, or for any wilful or affected error; but preserve me steadfast in the belief of thy heavenly and opposed truths, and undaunted in the profession of them. Let me not take the liberty of transgressing some of the duties of thy holy religion, while I suffer for others; nor hope ever to recommend myself, or my sufferings, to thy acceptance, without having an eye to all thy laws, and paying an entire obedience to all thy holy commandments. Give me patience to bear my cross, without being faint or weary, and meekness to bear with my persecutors

and charity to pray for and bless them. And when my afflictions press hardest upon me, let the graces and comforts of thy Holy Spirit abound most in me, that looking up to thee, the Author and Finisher of our faith, I may cheerfully endure the cross, and despise the shame, and through much tribulation enter into thy heavenly kingdom. Amen. Blessed Jesus, Amen.

KETTLEWELL.

FOR SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD UNDER
LOSS OF PROPERTY OR FRIENDS.

O most holy Lord God, the supreme Lord and Governor of the world, who art unsearchable in thy wisdom, unspotted in thy justice, and irresistible in thy power; whose goodness hath no bounds, but what thy wise and holy will gives unto it; and art immutable in these, and all other perfections, the great God most blessed for ever;—it is most reasonable and agreeable to our nature, most profitable and convenient to our interest, most satisfactory and suitable to our wisest choice, by an absolute and quiet submission in all things to thy sovereign wisdom, justice, and goodness, to declare our fear and reverence of thee, our

unfeigned love to thee and desire to please thee, our trust and confidence in thee, and ready disposition to obey thee.

In a full persuasion of thy unerring providence over us, and infinite charity towards us, I here most humbly and freely resign all my thoughts and desires unto thee, submitting myself entirely to thy orders, and resolving by thy gracious assistance to rest contented with whatsoever thou appointest. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord" (Job i. 21). Blessed be thy Name, who hast continued to me so long the enjoyment of so many good things. Blessed be thy Name, that I had any thing to part withal, whereby I may testify my faith in thee, and affection to thee. Blessed be thy Name, that I have any of the comforts of this life still remaining, and that they are not all taken away from me. I have nothing too great, or too dear, to be resigned to thee, from whose bounty I received all I have, and who art my best and my eternal Friend.

O, that no repining thoughts may arise in my heart, to disorder and discompose my duty towards thee or towards my neighbor; but help me rather to think wherein I have offended thee, and carefully to amend it; to place my

affections more steadfastly on those unmoveable things which are above; to lay up my treasure and hope in heaven, and to prepare myself, by perfecting my purity, and thankfulness, and patience, and all other virtues, to be translated thither, where our life is hid in thee with Christ Jesus.

I thank thee, O Father of mercies, that thou hast given us such everlasting consolation, through thy grace in him. Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever, for those exceeding great and precious promises which thou hast given us, to support and comfort us in all the troubles of this life. Increase my faith, strengthen and confirm my hope; lift up my spirit continually to that blessed place where Jesus is, that I may rejoice in hope of that immortal life, where all tears shall be wiped from our eyes, and there shall be no sighing nor sorrow any more; but we [who are now parted asunder] shall meet together to acknowledge, with eternal praises, thy wise and merciful providence, which, by ways most contrary to our desires, hath brought us to endless and undisturbed bliss.

Thou knowest, O Lord, the weakness and frailty of our nature; therefore vouchsafe unto

me the constant assistance of thy good Spirit (for which I depend upon thee), to enable me to continue in this humble, quiet, and dutiful submission to thee, waiting for that peaceable and joyful repose in the eternal rest which thou hast prepared for thy people, through thy mercies in Christ Jesus; by whom all glory, honor, love, and obedience, be rendered to thee, by me and all mankind, both now and for ever. Amen.

BISHOP PATRICK.

FOR ONE WHO IS FULL OF DOUBTS.

O LORD, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, I acknowledge and adore thine eternal power, wisdom, and goodness. I render thee my most hearty thanks for all the benefits thou hast freely bestowed on me, from my first coming into the world until this time. Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which are to us-ward; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. Above all, I bless thee for that great demonstration of thy love and goodwill to mankind in Christ Jesus, whom thou hast sent into the world to save sinners; and

for bringing me to a clear knowledge of him, faith in him, and some love, I hope, towards him, and unfeigned affection to thy holy will, declared to us in his blessed Gospel.

Settle in me an unmovable faith in thine infinite mercies, a constant love and cheerful affection to my duty, and a readiness of heart to obey thee, and to submit to thy wise appointments in every condition. Compose my broken and disturbed thoughts, quiet my troubled and disordered spirit, and appease all the ravings and tumults there, by a sweet sense of thy most tender mercies, which have been ever of old, and endure continually.

Banish from me all causeless fears; deliver me from all unprofitable sadness and dejections of spirit; keep me from rash judging of myself, and much more from charging thee foolishly. Bestow upon me a cheerful spirit, by a humble hope in thee, and by referring myself wholly to thee. Endue me with such wisdom and uprightness, that I may neither neglect my duty, nor suspect thy gracious acceptance of me. Give me a hearty zeal to do the best that I am able, and a settled persuasion that thou requirest no more of me.

Defend me, O most gracious God, from dis-
honoring thee and my religion, by distrusting

thy goodness, and calling thy loving kindness in question towards those who are sincerely bent to please thee. Remove all troublesome imaginations from me, and give me a clear understanding of thee and of myself. Or, when I am in darkness and confusion of thoughts, grant me so much light and judgment, as not to conclude myself forsaken by thee, but to reflect upon thy long-continued favors to me, and many deliverances of me; that so I may resolve still to hope in thee, to bear my present troubles patiently, and to resign my will absolutely to thy good pleasure. And, O good Lord, enable me to look beyond these clouds, to that blessed state whither my Saviour is gone, in which there is no darkness at all, and in a humble hope of coming to the same place where he is, to content myself with any condition whilst I am here so far remote from that region of light and glory.

Hear me, most loving and merciful Father, I most humbly beseech thee. Pity my great dullness and deadness of heart; strengthen my weak and feeble endeavors; support my fainting spirit, and cause it humbly to hope in thee for ever. Conduct me hereafter so evenly and steadily, so peaceably and quietly, so cheerfully and securely in thy ways, that I may glorify

thee whilst I live, by encouraging others to accompany me in thy service: and when I come to die, may resign my soul unto thee with an undisturbed mind, in a holy hope also of a joyful resurrection of the body at the great day of the Lord Jesus; to whom be glory and dominion for ever. Amen.

BISHOP PATRICK.

FOR ONE TROUBLED IN MIND.

O THOU great Physician of souls, I come unto thee for relief against that heavy pressure that lies sadly upon my spirits at this time. As it is thy visitation, I willingly submit to it, and will bear it without the least repining or discontent; yet, with an unfeigned resignation to thy will, I humbly supplicate thee for the removal of it, in thine own good time, that I may be better able to do thee service. Thou seest the woful state I am in; how my mind is disordered, my thoughts confused, my understanding clouded, my affections ungovernable, my whole soul out of tune, and all my faculties disabled for a due attendance on thy worship. To thee, my only refuge, I now betake myself for help; O, refuse not to speak comfort to my disconsolate soul, but visit me with thy salva-

tion. Restore me to a right use of my faculties, a composure of mind, and a ready compliance with thy will in all things. Help me to the enjoyment of myself and of thy favor, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Save, Lord, and hear, O King of heaven, when I call upon thee, through the merits of thine only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPINCKE.

FOR ONE WHO IS DISTURBED WITH WICKED THOUGHTS.

O LORD God, the Father of spirits, to whom all hearts are open, and all desires known; I humbly entreat thee to succor me, thine unworthy servant, who labor under the burden of wicked thoughts. Let thy power and goodness be shown in healing my disordered mind. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit. Suffer them not to be defiled by any profane or blasphemous suggestions; but heal my soul by enabling me to stifle and suppress all such thoughts as tend to rob me of my peace, or to deprive me of the comforts of religion. Make me sensible of the wise and kind reasons of these afflictions; that, if they be duly improved, they may be power-

ful preservatiyes of my soul against the prevailing sins of a licentious age; may dispose me to compassionate the sufferings of others and make me more thoroughly feel my own infirmities, and my need of divine assistance. Good Lord, take from me that which is deformed and polluted by my corrupt nature, and work and establish in me that which thy grace hath wrought in me; that, having thy whole armor fitted unto me, I may be able to withstand all the assaults of the enemy.

Arm me, O Lord, with thy Spirit, encourage me with thy presence; and let me feel the effectual working of thy power, which is ever made perfect through weakness; that I may live before thee with a clean heart, and undefiled body, and sanctified spirit; and may at the day of judgment be presented pure and spotless before thee, by the blood of the Lamb. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

AGAINST UNQUIET AND PERPLEXING THOUGHTS.

O LORD, my Maker and Protector, who hast graciously sent me into this world to work out my salvation, enable me to drive from me all

such unquiet and perplexing thoughts as may mislead, or hinder me in the practice of those duties which thou hast required. When I behold the works of thy hands, and consider the course of thy providence, give me grace always to remember that thy thoughts are not my thoughts, nor thy ways my ways. And while it shall please thee to continue me in this world, where much is to be done and little to be known, teach me by thy Holy Spirit to withdraw my mind from unprofitable and dangerous inquiries, from difficulties vainly curious, and doubts impossible to be solved. Let me rejoice in the light which thou hast imparted; let me serve thee with active zeal and humble confidence, and wait with patient expectation for the time, in which the soul which thou receivest shall be satisfied with knowledge. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Johnson.

AGAINST TEMPTATION.

O HEAVENLY and most merciful Father, I most humbly beseech thee, for thy Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy upon me, and succor me in these terrible assaults and temp-

tations of the devil. Deliver my soul from all his power and craft; send me strength from above, that I may retain my integrity, may resist the enemy, and stand steadfast in the day of trial. Be thou my strong rock and castle of defence; that, being preserved through thy grace and assistance, I may continue thy faithful soldier and servant unto my life's end. Nourish all the seeds of grace that are sown in my heart, and make them fruitful unto every good work and work. Give me the increase of faith, hope, charity, and all other Christian graces; and that I may obtain that which thou dost promise, make me ever to love that which thou dost command; and this I beg through the merits and for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPINCKES.

AGAINST WANDERING THOUGHTS IN DEVOTION.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast commanded us to pray unto thee without ceasing, and hast added many glorious promises for our encouragement, let thy Holy Spirit teach us how to pray; give me just apprehensions of my wants, zeal for thy glory, great thankfulness for thy mercies,

and love of all spiritual employments that are pleasing unto thee; and do thou help my infirmities, that the devil may not abuse my fancy with illusions, nor distract my mind with cares nor alienate my thoughts with impertinencies; but do thou, Lord, give me a present mind, great devotion, a heart fixed upon thy divine perfections, and an actual intention and perseverance in my prayers, that I may glorify thy name, do unto thee true and laudable service, and obtain relief for all my necessities. Hear me, O King of heaven, when I call upon thee, for thou hast promised mercy to them that pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

IN SORROW AND DESPONDENCY.

O ETERNAL God, Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, with much mercy look upon the sorrows of thy servant. The waters are gone over me, and I stick fast in the deep mire: and my miseries are without comfort, because they are the punishments of my sins. Lord, pity me; Lord, let thy grace refresh my spirit; let thy comfort support me, thy mercy pardon me, and never let my portion be among

hopeless and accursed spirits: for thou art good and gracious; and upon thy mercies do I humbly cast myself. Grant that I may never let my hold go; and do thou with me what seemeth good in thine eyes. I cannot suffer more than I have deserved, and yet I can need no relief so great as thy mercy is; for thou art infinitely more merciful than I can be miserable; and thy mercy, which is above all thine own works, is transcendently above all my sin and all my misery; Holy Jesus, let me trust in thee for ever, and let me never be confounded. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

**THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE FROM TROUBLE
OF MIND.**

O MERCIFUL Lord, thou hast caused the light to shine out of the midst of darkness, and given me order and clearness for my former confusedness of thoughts, and settled my trembling and troubled spirit in rest and peace. Thy grace has comfortably resolved and enlightened me about thy ways, and set me free from my entangling scruples, and rid me of my dejecting and disquieting fears, by comfortable hopes of thy free mercies in Christ Jesus.

Blessed be thy love, O gracious Father, for

sending me such seasonable helps and suitable instructors, who, by clear representations of things, have happily removed my fears and ignorance. And blessed be thy grace for opening my heart and eyes, and enlightening and quieting my spirit by their means. But, above all, blessed be thy goodness for giving us such sweet promises of favor and mercy in Jesus Christ, as may give poor sinners ease of heart and humble confidence in thee.

And O, do thou, who hast now most graciously spoken peace unto my soul, maintain and keep up clear knowledge and unswerving righteousness in the same, that it relapse not into guilt and fear, nor be clogged and disquieted by doubts and scruples any more. Make me satisfied and settled in a right understanding of all good things, and careful in the observance of them. And let not any busy workings of the adversary, or of my own melancholy, make me unnecessarily mistrustful, or suspicious, or unduly jealous, either of thee or of myself. Let me not be fickle and soon altered in my persuasions of thy love, or in my purposes of thy service. But fix my heart in thoughts of righteousness, and in the blessings and comforts of joy and peace, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

KETTLEWELL.

FOR A UNIFORM OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL.

O HOLY Jesu, who camest down from heaven, and wast pleased to pay that dear ransom on the cross for us, that thou mightest redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto thyself a peculiar people, zealous of good works; I beseech thee to write thy law in my heart, that most excellent divine law of thine, that I may see it and do it; that I may know thee, and the power of thy resurrection, and express it in turning from all mine iniquities; that I may no longer flatter myself with a formal external serving of thee, with being a hearer of thy word, a partaker of thy sacraments, and a professor of thy truth, or a knower of thy will, but may labor to join to these a uniform, faithful obedience to thy holy Gospel; a ready, cheerful subjection to thy kingdom; that thou mayest rule and reign in my heart by faith, and that I, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, may grow in grace, and in the practical knowledge of thee, our Lord and Saviour; and persevering unto the last may attain the reward of my faith, and the fruit of my labors, the perfection of my charity, and the crown of my hope; an everlasting blessed life of love and holiness with thee, O Father of

mercies, O God of all consolations, O holy and sanctifying Spirit, O blessed Trinity co-eternal; to which one infinite Majesty be most humbly ascribed the honor, glory, power, praise, might, majesty, and dominion, which through all ages of the world have been given to Him who sitteth on the throne, to the Holy Spirit, and to the Lamb, for evermore. Amen.

HAMMOND.

FOR TEMPERANCE.

O BOUNTIFUL and gracious Lord, who givest us all things richly to enjoy, be thou gracious to thy servant yet more, and suffer me not, by my folly, to turn thy bounty into sin, thy grace into wantonness; but give me the spirit of temperance and sobriety, that I may use thy creatures in the same measure, and to the same purposes, which thou hast designed, so as may best enable me to serve thee, and not to make provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. Pardon, O God, in whatsoever I have offended thee, by meat, and drink, and pleasure; and never let my body any more be oppressed with surfeiting and drunkenness, or the enervating luxuries of this sensual life; but subdue my appetite to reason and thy grace, that my table may be no more a snare unto me,

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nor my food become a temptation, a sin, or a disease; but that my affections being changed from earthly to heavenly, I may hunger and thirst after righteousness, and account it my meat and drink and pleasure to do thy will, O God. Grant this, O Lord, for thy Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

HAMMOND.

ON ENGAGING IN A NEW PURSUIT.

O God, who hast ordained that whatever is to be desired should be sought by labor, and who by thy blessing bringest honest labor to good effect, look with mercy upon my studies and endeavors. Grant me, O Lord, by thy Holy Spirit, to design only what is lawful and right; enable me to shun sloth and negligence, that every day may discharge part of the task which thou hast allotted me; and so further with thy help that labor, which without thy help must be ineffectual, that I may obtain in my undertaking such success as will most promote thy glory, and the salvation of my own soul, for the sake of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

JOHNSON.

BEFORE PUBLIC WORSHIP.

O THOU that hearest prayer, let thy quiet dwell among us, and thy peace in our minds; that, laying aside all worldly thoughts and cares, we, thine unworthy servants, may so use the appointed means of sanctification, that with all those that have pleased thee from the beginning of the world, we may become partakers of those good things which thou hast prepared for them that love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFTER PUBLIC WORSHIP.

O GOD, great and wonderful, look upon me thy servant, who have here presented myself before thee; stretch forth thine hand, thy powerful and merciful hand, and bless me; preserve me, that at all times and in all places I may glorify thee, the only living and true God, the holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now, henceforth, and for evermore. Amen.

BEFORE THE STUDY OF SCRIPTURE.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give me, I beseech thee, a body unde-

filed, a pure heart, and a watchful mind; give me and unerring knowledge, and the powerful influences of thy Holy Spirit, that I may obtain, and assuredly enjoy, the truth, through the same, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR MERCHANTS AND TRADESMEN.

O ETERNAL God, guide me, by thy grace, in all my affairs, that I may be diligent, just, and faithful in the calling in which thy providence hath placed me; bless and prosper my labors, as thou, in thy wisdom, seest most convenient for me; preserve me, by thy Holy Spirit, from covetousness, lying, and all base, and indirect, and sordid arts; and give me prudence, honesty, and Christian sincerity; that my trade being sanctified by my religion, my labor may be attended with thy blessing; and when I have finished the portion of my work which thou hast allotted me here, I may be received into the inheritance of thy children, there to rest from my labors, through the merits of my ever-blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

BEFORE A JOURNEY.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom all things live, move, and have their being, who dost govern all things by thy wise providence, and whose protection is my only security and defence; I humbly beseech thy divine Majesty to give thy holy angels charge over me in the journey I am now about to undertake. Let thy grace preserve me from all the temptations to which I shall be exposed, in all those places and companies whither my occasions shall lead me; defend me from thieves and robbers, and protect me from all other dangers and evil accidents. Preserve my going out and my coming in. Let thy providence be my guard, thy grace my defence, and thy blessed self my portion, now and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NELSON.

THANKSGIVING AFTER A JOURNEY.

ALMIGHTY God, who savest our life from destruction, and crownest us with mercy and loving-kindness; blessed be thy holy Name, that thou hast brought me safe to the end of my journey, and preserved me from the innu-

merable accidents and dangers to which I was exposed. It is of thy mercy that my health has been continued to me, notwithstanding those various circumstances that might have impaired it. It is of thy goodness that no evil men have made any assault upon me, when others have suffered by their unjust violence. It is from thy providence that I have been protected from falls, so that not a bone of me is broken. How many unforeseen dangers, O Lord, hast thou delivered me from; and how many that have threatened me, hast thou overruled! Lord, I will triumph in thy praise; and not only with my lips, but in my life, express my thanks, by being more obedient to thy holy commands, and serving thee, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of my life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NELSON.

FOR A HUSBAND AND WIFE.

(To be said by them together.)

O God, by whose favor and providence we are made one flesh, look mercifully upon us from heaven, and bless us, and make us instrumental to the eternal salvation of each other.

Give us grace, that we may faithfully perform our marriage-vows, that we may live in perfect love and peace together, in a conscientious obedience to thy laws, and in a comfortable prospect of happiness all our days. Grant, if it be thy gracious will, that we may live to see our children Christianly and virtuously brought up; or, if in thy wisdom thou shal order it otherwise, be pleased in mercy to provide for their everlasting happiness. In the mean time, give us grace that we may teach them and our household the fear of God, and be examples to them of piety and true religion.

Continue to us such a share of the good things of this world as to thee seems most meet for us; and whatever our condition shall be, enable us to be content and thankful. Vouchsafe us a share in the happiness of the next life; and thy blessed will be done for what shall happen to us in this.

Hear us, O God, for Jesus Christ his sake, the Son of thy love. Amen, Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

FOR OUR PARENTS.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast strictly commanded us to honor our father and our mother next unto thee; grant me, of thy goodness and grace, so to love and to honor my parents, to fear, and to obey them, to help, and to pray for them, as thou in thy holy word hast directed and charged me to do; that both in their life and at their death their souls may bless me, and by thy fatherly mercy I may obtain that blessing which thou hast promised to those that honor their father and their mother; and mayest number me among those thy children who are heirs of thy glorious kingdom, through thy well-beloved and dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

BISHOP COSIM.

FOR OUR CHILDREN.

1.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who makest us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable unto thy divine Majesty; we make our humble supplications unto thee for these thy children [*this thy child*] whom thou hast vouchsafed to regenerate by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast incorporated into thy holy Church, the mystical body

of thy Son; let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them: daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

LITURGY.

II.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father and Maker of us all who of thy blessing and goodness hast vouchsafed to make me a father [*or* mother] of children; be pleased also to accept my hearty thanksgiving and devout praise for the same, And grant me thy heavenly grace and assistance so to train them up in thy godly nurture, virtue, religion, and discipline, that they may continually serve, honor, and obey thee their heavenly Father; and that thou, acknowledging and blessing them as thy children here, mayest bring them to the blessing prepared for thy children hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP COARM

FOR THE FAMILY IN WHICH WE LIVE.

VISIT, we beseech thee, most gracious Father, this family with thy salvation ; let thy blessing descend, and rest upon all that belong unto it, as well absent as present. Continue to preserve us, thy servants, both in life and death ; grant us whatsoever is necessary for our bodies or our souls ; guide us with thy counsels here, and hereafter bring us to thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP DIGBY.

FOR THE CONGREGATION TO WHICH WE BELONG.

O, THOU, who acceptest the intercessions which thy servants offer for each other, remember, we entreat thee, for good all the members of thy holy Catholic Church, especially that congregation to which we belong ; grant that we may be joined together in the bond of a holy faith, and may bring forth abundantly the fruit of good works. May we know and experience the blessedness of communion with each other in the rites of a holy worship, and in mutual acts of charity and kindness. Give us grace that we may persevere in the ways of godliness, and bring us all at last to the pos-

session of those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for them that love thee; that with apostles, martyrs, and confessors, and all who have gone before us in the race of faith, we may enjoy the full blessedness of communion with thee and with each other in thy eternal and glorious kingdom.

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF A BIRTH-DAY.

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ALMIGHTY God, the Father and Maker of all things, by whose blessed goodness I was fearfully and wonderfully made in my mother's womb, and unto whose blessed providence I have been left ever since I was born, and hung upon my mother's breast; I praise and magnify thy glorious Name for this thy great goodness towards me; most humbly beseeching thee that I may be taught to number my days, and to apply my heart unto wisdom; that I may know to what end I was born, and had both body and life given me, even to serve thee, the living God; that I may bewail my sinful years past, and spend the rest of my time here in a godly, righteous, and sober life; that as I have now finished —— years of my life here by thy favor, so I may continue and finish up

the remainder of my days in thy fear; and that as thou didst upon this day take me out of my mother's womb to live here a little time, so thou mayest at the last day take me out of the grave and womb of the earth, to live with thee for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP COSIM.

II.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whose hands are life and death, by whose will all things were created, and by whose providence they are sustained; I, thine unworthy servant, return thee most humble and hearty thanks for that thou hast given me life, and that thou hast continued it to this time; that thou hast hitherto forborne to snatch me away in the midst of sin and folly, and hast permitted me still to enjoy the means of grace, and vouchsafed to call me yet again to repentance. Grant, O merciful Lord, that thy call may not be vain; that my life may not be continued to increase my guilt, and aggravate my account, and that thy gracious forbearance may not harden my heart in wickedness. Let me remember, O my God, that as days and years pass over me, I approach nearer to the grave, where there is no repentance; and grant that, by the assistance

of thy Holy Spirit, I may so pass through this life, that I may obtain life everlasting, for the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

JOHNSON.

COMMEMORATION OF OUR BAPTISM.

L

O LORD, heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who of thine infinite goodness towards me, when I was born in sin, and was no other than an heir of everlasting wrath, didst vouchsafe that I should be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, in the blessed laver of baptism, being thereby made a member of Christ and an heir of eternal life; for this thine inestimable favor I do extol the abundant riches of thy glorious grace; and in thy sight, and in the sight of thy holy angels, with all the company of heaven, do renew that sacred vow, which was made in my name, to forsake this wicked world, and to live, as a Christian ought to do, in obedience to thy holy faith and commandments; most humbly beseeching thee, of thy great mercy, to pardon me all former breaches of my solemn promise, and to endue

me with the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that henceforth I may walk in newness of life, worthy of that blessed estate whereunto thou hast called me; and keeping myself unspotted from the world, the flesh, and the devil, may daily die unto sin, for which cause I was baptized into the death of Christ; and as I have had my part this day in the first regeneration, so I may at the last day have my part in the second and great regeneration of the world, to live and reign with thee for ever, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP COSIN.

II.

[*Thanksgiving for our baptism*].

I YIELD thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate me by thy Holy Spirit, to receive me for thine own child by adoption, and to incorporate me into thy holy Church. And I humbly beseech thee to grant that, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, I may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally I may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with

thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD IN CHRIST.

L.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give thee hearty thanks for that it hath pleased thee to deliver — out of the miseries of this sinful world. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in him shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him: we humbly beseech thee,

O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is — doth; and that, at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

LITURGY.

II.

FORASMUCH as thou hast taught us not only to pray, but to give thanks also for all men, I beseech thee, O Lord, to accept my unfeigned thanks and praises to thy divine Majesty, for the graces and virtues thou hast wrought in thy saints, and by them bestowed upon thy holy Church from the beginning of the world, who by their lives and labors have shone as lights in their generations; such as were the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and confessors; and for whom, with all other thy servants, our fathers and brethren, who have departed this life with the seal of faith, and do

now rest in the sleep of peace, I praise and magnify thy glorious Name; most humbly desiring that I may still continue in their holy communion, following with a glad will and mind their holy examples of godly living and steadfastness in thy faith; that I may together with them attain to the resurrection of the just, and have my perfect consummation both of soul and body in thy kingdom of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP COXW.

III.

O most loving Father, we render unto thee hearty thanks for thine inestimable goodness towards thy faithful servants, whom thou, calling out of this wretched world, vouchsafest to place in thy heavenly kingdom among the glorious company of thy holy angels and blessed saints. O, full precious is the death of the faithful in thy sight! Blessed are the dead who die in thee, O Lord; for they are at rest from their painful travails and labors. The souls of the righteous are in thy hand, O God, and the pain of death shall not touch them. In the sight of the unwise they appear to die; but they are in peace. They are as the stars, world without end; they are as angels of God; they are clad with white garments, and have golden crowns upon their heads; they do ser-

vice day and night before the glorious throne of thy divine Majesty; they have such joys as eye hath not seen, nor hath ear heard, neither is there any heart able to think them. Infinite and unspeakable are the treasures, O Lord, which thou hast laid up for them who die in the faith. For these thy fatherly benefits towards the souls of the faithful; and for that it hath pleased thee to call our Christian brethren and sisters [especially —] from this vale of misery unto thy heavenly kingdom, we give unto thee most hearty thanks; humbly beseeching thee that thou wilt take like care of us, and so govern us with thy Holy Spirit, both in sickness and in health, that we may live a good and godly life in this present world; and whensoever it shall be thy good pleasure to call us hence, we may with strong* faith in thee, and in thy Son Christ Jesus our Lord, commend both our bodies and souls into thy merciful hands; and through thy goodness be placed in thy glorious kingdom, among thy faithful chosen people, and so for ever and ever praise and magnify thee our heavenly Father; to whom, with thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, and the Holy Ghost, the most sweet Comforter, be all glory and honor world without end.
Amen.

BECOM.

THE days and times [besides the Lord's day] which we celebrate have relation all to one head. We begin therefore our ecclesiastical year with the glorious annunciation of His birth by angelical embassage. There being hereunto added His blessed nativity itself; the mystery of His legal circumcision, the testification of His true incarnation by the purification of her who brought Him into the world; His resurrection, His ascension into heaven, the admirable sending down of His Spirit upon His chosen, and, which consequently ensued, the notice of that incomprehensible Trinity thereby given to the Church of God. Again, forasmuch as we know that CHRIST hath not only been manifested great in Himself, but great in other His saints also, the days of whose departure out of the world are to the Church of CHRIST as the birth and coronation days of kings or emperors; therefore especial choice being made of the very flower of all occasions in this kind, there are annual selected times to meditate of CHRIST glorified in them who had the honor to suffer for His sake, before they had age and ability to know Him; glorified in them who knowing Him as Stephen, had the sight of that before death, whereunto so acceptable death did lead; glorified in those sages of the East, that came from far to adore Him, and were conducted by strange light; glorified in the second Elias of the world, sent before Him to prepare His way; glorified in those apostles, whom it pleased Him to use as founders of His kingdom here; glorified in the angels, as in Michael; glorified in all those happy souls, that are already possessed of heaven.

HOOKE.

P r a y e r s
FOR THE
Festivals and Fasts of the Church.



God certainly is not afraid that His honor will be diminished in the honorable mentioning of such men as have benefited the world by their good works. . . . God is honored in due honor given to His saints, and is glorified in the commemoration of those good men whose light hath so shined out before men that they have seen their good works. But then He is glorified more in their imitation than in their commemoration.

DONNE.





P R A Y E R S
FOR THE
FESTIVALS AND FASTS.

A Prayer,

FOR A RIGHT OBSERVATION OF HOLYDAYS.

(Which may be used on the preceding Evenings.)

ALMIGHTY God, who hast established in thy Church pastors, and teachers, and governors, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, make me careful to observe all those institutions which are enjoined by them for these admirable ends; and always to esteem days set apart for thy worship, and dedicated to thy service, as a great relief to the infirmity of our nature, which is not capable of an uninterrupted contemplation of thee. Let not the affairs of this life, nor my eagerness after the

good things of it, so far engross my thoughts, as to make me neglect those happy opportunities of working out my own salvation; nor the love of pleasure prevail on me, to consume them in sensual enjoyments; but grant that my rejoicing may be accompanied with temperance and moderation; and dispose my mind, by all the refreshments of my body, to serve thee with greater diligence and cheerfulness all my days. Make me constant, at these holy seasons, in attending thy public worship; and let me enter thy house with recollected thoughts and composed behavior, and with a thankful and devout temper of mind. Let me hear thy word with serious attention, and with a particular application of it to the state of my own soul. Let me approach thy altar with fervent and heavenly affections, and with firm resolutions of better obedience. Let me commemorate the mysteries of our redemption with profound humility, with exalted thoughts of thy wonderful goodness, and with thankful acknowledgments of thy great love, demonstrated to the sons of men. Let the mortified lives of thy saints raise me above the pleasures of sense; and let the pattern of their piety and devotion, their humility and charity, their meekness and patient sufferings, be always so lively imprinted

upon my mind, that I may transcribe their examples in my life and conversation; that thus observing these days of rest here below, I may celebrate an eternal rest with thee hereafter in thy heavenly kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NELSON.

Advent.

O God, by whose providence thy Church has appointed the solemn time of Advent to forerun the commemoration of our Saviour's nativity, and prepare its way in our hearts; grant us, we beseech thee, so devoutly to employ this holy season, in meditating upon the prophecies, and gracious preparations of the world for the coming of the Messias; and on the infinitely greater mercies he brought along with him, and has left behind him; that our spirits may be raised to celebrate the great feast of his nativity with due joy and exultation, and thereby better disposed to expect his second coming, who with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

HICKS.

Christmas.

O GOD, who every year givest a fresh occasion to the devotions of thy Church, by the welcome festivity of our Saviour's birth; grant us, we beseech thee, with such devout affections to entertain this first humble rising of the Sun of Righteousness to us as may better dispose and more strongly engage us to follow him through the whole painful course of his life, which, like a giant, he rejoiced to run, enlightening the world with thy truth, and inflaming it with thy love; till in the end we arrive at his eternal rest, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

HICKEN.

Easter.

GLORY be to thee, O victorious Redeemer, who hast triumphed over the power of sin and darkness, and conquered hell and the grave. Glory be to thee, by whom death is swallowed up in victory, who, by thy glorious resurrection, hast made known the power of thy divinity, and proved thyself to be the true Messias,

the beloved Son of God. Keep me, O almighty Saviour, steadfast in this faith, and grant that I, being risen with thee, may place my affections entirely on things above, where thou sittest at the right hand of God. Through thy strength enable me to overcome the enemies of my soul, the devil, the world, and the flesh. Let me never defile my body with sensual and brutish lusts, since thou hast designed to make it immortal and incorruptible. Let me never faint under the calamities of this life, since thou hast graciously promised to reward them with so excellent a crown of glory at the resurrection of the just. Let me not grieve immoderately for them who sleep in thee, because they shall awake at the last day in greater perfection and glory; nor let the thoughts of my own death be any longer uneasy to me, since thou hast taken away its sting, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; of which, at the general resurrection, make me a partaker, to the glory of thy infinite mercy, O Lord, my gracious Saviour, and victorious Redeemer. Amen.

SPINCKES.

Ascension-Day.

O God, who hast inspired thy Church to celebrate this day the memory of our Saviour's ascension, when, having finished on earth the great work of our redemption, he carried up his glorified humanity above the clouds to its eternal rest; grant, we humbly beseech thee, that, taking off our eyes from the vanities here below, we may stand continually looking after him into heaven; and, heartily expecting his appearance thence again at the last great day, may be always ready to obey his call, and meet him in the clouds, and follow him into those blissful mansions, which he went to prepare for us at thy right hand for evermore, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

HICKMAN.

Whitsunday.

O God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; who hast also promised, by thy Son our Saviour, to give thy Holy Spirit to them who ask him of thee; I

beseech thee to give him to me, in all the graces and assistances of which I stand in need. Let him be unto me a Spirit of sanctification, to purify my corrupt nature; a Spirit of counsel in all difficulties, and direction in all doubts; of courage in all dangers; of constancy in all persecutions; of comfort in all troubles, especially in time of sickness and at the hour of death; and of submission and resignation to thy holy will and pleasure, in all afflictions that are most grievous to flesh and blood. And because I live in evil times, and am in danger of being deceived by the wiles and false pretensions of men, let him be also unto me a Spirit of wisdom, and conduct, and discretion; that in all my conversation I may be able to discern truth from hypocrisy, and sincere, understanding, and faithful friends from false, designing flatterers. Furthermore, I beseech thee, let him be unto me a Spirit of patience under all crosses, and in all provocations; a Spirit of trust, and steadfast repose of mind, in thy care and providence; a Spirit of forgiveness to my enemies; a Spirit of humility, to make me quiet and easy in myself, meek and gentle to others, and to free me from all the sin and torment of pride, envy, and ambition; and finally, so let him guide and govern me, through the whole course

of my short life here, that I may not fail to obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HICKES.

Trinity-Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine Majesty to worship the Unity; I beseech thee that thou wouldest keep me steadfast in this faith, and not suffer me to be tossed about with every wind of doctrine, nor be imposed upon by the false reasonings of cunning and subtle men. Let no heretical interpretations of thy word corrupt the purity of my faith, nor pretences to superior reason shake my steadfastness; but grant that I may constantly adhere to, and firmly believe, those adorable mysteries thou hast revealed, submitting my reason to the obedience of faith; that so, being preserved from all damnable heresies, I may escape those fatal and evil consequences which attend them in this world, and those dreadful punishments prepared for them in the next, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, three

persons and one God, be all glory, worship, and praise, in the Churches of the saints, for ever and ever. Amen.

NELSON.

Saints' Days.

Most gracious God, the author of sanctity, and lover of unity, whose wisdom hath established an admirable communion between the members of the same mystical body, whereof thy Son Jesus Christ is the head; I bless and praise thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear. I celebrate their victories over the world, who overcame themselves, and led in triumph their own passions. I commemorate, with all thankfulness, their heroic piety, who served the Lord in hunger and thirst, in prisons and chains, on racks and in tortures, and who undauntedly encountered death, armed with the greatest terrors. I rejoice in the glory and happiness they are now advanced to, the greatness of which the heart of man cannot conceive; beseeching thee to give me grace to follow their good examples, that I may be made partaker of thy heavenly kingdom, and, with all that are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, have

my perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPINOKES.

Ember-Weeks.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants the bishops and pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may show forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

O God, by whose providence thy Church from ancient times has set apart four solemn seasons of conferring holy orders upon chosen persons, to supply the faithful with a suc-

sion of priests and deacons; and enjoined us all with extraordinary devotions to implore thy special assistance to a work which so much concerns us all; hear, we most humbly beseech thee, thy servants, who, by the mortification of our bodies, desire to increase the fervor of our prayers. O give the bishops of ours, and of all other Churches, the grace of discerning spirits, that they may ordain only such as are indeed fit for their sacred functions; and grant us the grace of reverence, and due subjection to those so ordained, as truly sent by thee for our edification, through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy only Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

HICKES.

Fast-Days.

O LORD Jesus, who by thy holy doctrine hast taught us to fast, and watch, and pray, and by thy blessed example hast powerfully engaged us to follow thy steps; grant, I beseech thee, that I may have grace conscientiously to observe that wholesome discipline prescribed by thy Church; and with due mortification of my flesh, so to quicken my spirit by frequent

devotion, that all my carnal appetites may be buried in thy grave, and all my affections rise with thee to immortality: that I may henceforth avoid the broad and flattering road of present ease leading to death, and press resolutely forward in the rough and narrow path which leads to true life. May I so meditate on thine infinite mercies, and do thou so fill my soul with the memory of thy wonderful love, that I may imitate thy holy example, live in thy obedience, die in thy favor, and rise again finally to rejoice with thee in thy glory.

HICKS.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son, for our sakes, did fast forty days and forty nights, give me grace to use such abstinence, during this season dedicated to the exercise of repentance, that my flesh may be subdued to the spirit and my mind the better disposed to approach thee with ardor and fervency of affection. Inure me, by self-denial, to bring my body into subjection, and to punish all those excesses I have been guilty of in the use of thy creatures. Let my retirement from the world make me see the vanity and emptiness of it, and teach me to relish the pleasures of spiritual enjoyments. Make me heartily to bewail my sins,

and do thou work in me a godly sorrow unto salvation, not to be repented of; that, perceiving how bitter a thing it is to depart from the living God, I may no longer continue at a distance from the Fountain of joy and happiness; but, confessing and forsaking my sins, may be entirely devoted unto thee, through Jesus Christ, my only Saviour. Amen.

SPINCKES.

Good Friday.

O God, who by the mortifying discipline of Lent hast graciously disposed us for that solemn season of closer preparation to celebrate the memory of our Saviour's bitter passion; make us now, we beseech thee, so devoutly attend to, and so thoroughly meditate on, every circumstance of this dear mystery, that it may melt our hearts with such tender compassion as may kill in them all sin, the sole cause of his sufferings, and fit us by perfect love of him for a happy part in his glorious resurrection, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who once suffered, but now lives and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

HICKES.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of the world, who didst foretell to thine apostles, that at the time of thy sufferings they should weep and lament, while the world rejoiced, and that they should be sorrowful, but their sorrow should be turned into joy; grant that during this time wherein thou didst suffer, and wast afflicted with extreme sorrow and anguish for the sins of the whole world, we thy unworthy servants may so weep and lament, and be sorrowful for our sins, the cause of all those thy sorrows and sufferings, that on the day of thy triumphant resurrection we may rejoice with that joy which no man can take from us: grant this, O blessed Lord and Saviour, who didst die for our sins, and rise again for our justification, and now livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

BISHOP COSIN.

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace, that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.







APPENDICES.

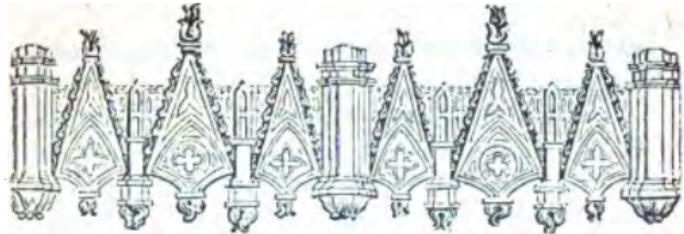




THERE is no sweeter incense than our devotion offered up by prayer. We have no better orators to plead our cause, no surer ambassadors to conclude our peace, than our simple supplications unto Him who healeth our sicknesses, and forgiveth our sins; who sits ever in commission to hear our suits, and looks that we should send up our prayers, that He may send down His mercy. By which means we enter into a spiritual traffic with God himself; we give a cup of cold water, and He returns us a fountain of the water of life; we give Him, with the poor widow, two mites, and He gives us again the whole treasure of the temple. "The mercy of God," saith one, "is like a vessel full to the very brim; if once his children, by the hand of faithful prayer, begin to take it, it doth overflow unto them." Moreover, it is not with GOD as with men, amongst whom those who are petitioners are wont to be troublesome unto them; but with Gon, the more we offer up our prayers unto Him, the more we are accepted of Hin. The ediles among the Romans had ever their doors standing open, for all that had occasion of complaint to have free access unto them. With Gon the gates of mercy are wide open to all poor sinners that will make their prayers unto Him. Come, and welcome.

Dr. CHRISTOPHER SUTTON.





APPENDIX I.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

I BELIEVE in thee, O Lord, the Father, the Word, and the Spirit, one only true God:

That all things were created by thy almighty power and love:

That all have been renewed and restored by thy goodness and mercy, exhibited in the person of thy Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; who for us men and for our salvation was made flesh, conceived and born, did suffer, and was crucified, descended into hell, and rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God; from whence he shall come again, and judge the quick and the dead.

I also believe, that by the illumination and powerful operation of the Holy Ghost, a peculiar people has been called from all quarters of the world, to be knit into one society, united

and distinguished by belief of the truth, and holiness of life:

That, as members of this body, we partake of the communion of saints, and forgiveness of sins, in this world; and by virtue of the same membership, do assuredly expect the resurrection of the flesh, and life everlasting, in the world to come.

This pure and holy faith, once delivered to the saints, Lord, I believe: help thou mine unbelief; strengthen in me that which is weak, and add to me that which is wanting.

This faith let me have grace always to exert and improve; by loving thee, O Father, in return for thy tender affection; by fearing thee, O Almighty, from an awful sense of thy power; by committing my soul in well-doing to thee, O most faithful Creator.

Let me seek and attain salvation in thee, O Jesus, my Saviour; from thee, O Christ, the anointed, let me have the unction of thy chosen; from thee, the Only-begotten, the adoption and inheritance of the sons of God.

Let me worship and serve thee, my Lord, on account of thy conception, in faith; on account of thy birth, in humility:

On account of thy suffering, in patience, and an irreconcilable hatred of sin; on account of

thy cross, by crucifying my affections and lusts; on account of thy death, by dying unto the flesh:

On account of thy burial, by burying evil thoughts and suggestions, under the prevailing opposition of those that are good:

On account of thy descent, by frequent meditations on death and hell:

On account of thy resurrection, by walking in newness of life:

On account of thy ascent into heaven, by setting my affections on things above:

On account of thy sitting at the right hand of the Father, by preferring the happiness of heaven in all my thoughts and designs:

On account of thy return from thence, by a constant godly fear of that second coming:

And on account of thy judging the world, by judging myself in time, that I may not be condemned by my Judge.

Let my belief in thee, O Holy Ghost, be such as may qualify me to partake of all thy necessary and saving inspirations.

Let my faith in the Church entitle me to a part in its calling and election, to sanctification in its holiness, membership in its universality, to fellowship with the saints, by shar-

ing in their prayers and sacraments, in their watchings and fastings, in their holy sighs and tears; and if thy providence shall call me to them, in their afflictions and sufferings; by all these establishing me in firm assurance of the forgiveness of sins, of the resurrection from death, and of translation to immortal glory.

O thou, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth and of them that remain in the broad sea:

O thou, in whom our fathers trusted, and thou didst deliver them; in whom they placed their hopes, and were not confounded:

O thou, who wast also my hope when I hanged yet upon my mother's breast, and to whose care I have been left ever since I was born: be thou still, and evermore, my hope and my portion in the land of the living.

Confirm my mind more and more by the goodness of thy nature, by thy types and thy figures, by thy word and by thy works; and having thus attained to a peaceful resting and reliance upon thee, O Lord, let me not at last be disappointed of my hope.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

AN ACT OF PRAISE.

LET us lift up our hearts unto the Lord. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, by all means and upon all occasions, remember and extol, sing praises and give thanks, bless and adore thee, O God; for thou art the maker and sustainer, the keeper and governor, the cherisher and benefactor, the improver and finisher of all things.

To thee, O Lord, Father and King eternal, fountain of life and immortality, treasure of bliss inexhaustible and everlasting; the heaven, and heaven of heavens, angels and all the powers therein, and we poor mortals, sinful dust and ashes, vile and unworthy though we be, do yet, laid prostrate under their feet, beg leave to join in concert with the heavenly host, and say, the best we can, Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Blessed be the glory of the Lord, from his place, for the essential perfections of his Godhead, his incomprehensible greatness, his dominion and omnipotence, his holiness and justice, his wisdom and truth, his goodness and mercy; but, above all, for the unspeakable riches of his

exceeding abundant grace and love in Christ Jesus.

I will magnify thee, I will worship thee, I will serve thee, I will love and delight in thee, I will entirely devote myself to thee, O Lord, my strength, my rock and fortress, my castle and deliverer, my helper and defender, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

AN ACT OF INTERCESSION.

O LORD, on whom the eyes of all do wait, remember every creature of thine for good, and visit the whole world with thy mercy.

O thou preserver and lover of men, think graciously upon mankind; and as thou hast concluded all under sin and unbelief, so let thy pity and pardon extend to all.

O thou, who for this end didst both die, and rise, and revive, that thou mightest be the Lord both of the dead and the living; since, whether we live, or whether we die, still are we thine, O Lord; let thy mercy be ever upon us, both in life and in death.

O thou helper of the helpless, our seasonable refuge in the time of trouble, remember all that

lie under any sort of extremity, and call upon thee for succor and protection.

O thou, who art the God of grace and truth, establish and strengthen in thy truth them that stand; restore the weak, and raise up them that fall, through heresies and sins.

Thou, who art the wholesome defence and strength of thine anointed, think upon the congregation which thou hast purchased and redeemed of old; and let the multitude of them that believe be of one heart and of one soul.

Thou, Lord, who walkest in the midst of the golden candlesticks, remove not, we pray thee, our candlestick out of its place; but set in order the things which are wanting among us, and strengthen those which remain and are ready to die.

Send forth, we pray thee, O Lord of the harvest, laborers in all points fitted by thy grace to do the work of that harvest.

Thou, who art the portion of them that wait at thine altar, grant that thy clergy may always be enabled rightly to divide, and uprightly to walk in, the word of thy truth; and let thy people always be ready, with meek heart and due reverence, to receive the same at their mouths.

O thou great King over all the earth,

strengthen and support the several governing powers, as being thine own ordinance, though man's convenience and contrivance. Scatter the nations that delight in blood, and command wars to cease in all the world.

O Lord of lords, and holy Ruler of princes, be watchful over those whom thou hast deputed to rule thy world here below, and more especially over our rulers; assist and prosper all their righteous undertakings, and inspire them with noble and good designs, for the advantage of thy Church, and of all thy people committed to their charge. Bless them with firm and honorable peace, that under them we may lead quiet lives in all godliness and honesty.

Thou, who distributest among men different degrees of power severally as thou wilt, grant that all persons of eminence and authority may be as eminent for virtue and sincere regard to thy true religion. Fill all our counsellors with godly wisdom; let our legislators do much in behalf of, but nothing against, the truth. Guide thou our judges and magistrates in the administration of justice to all persons, and in all causes, without preferring one before another, or doing any thing by partiality.

O Lord of hosts, and God of battles, strengthen, protect, and prosper all Christian

forces engaged against the enemies of our most holy faith.

Give all our people grace to live in subjection to the higher powers, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake.

Bless our husbandmen with fruitful seasons; our fleets with favorable winds; our merchants with successful voyages; our tradesmen with a spirit of honesty and contentment; our artificers, even to the meanest, even to the poorest among us, with grace to follow their respective labors diligently and patiently, for fair and reasonable profit and in humble dependence upon thy blessing.

Furthermore, in regard thou art the God not of us only, but of our posterity, extend, we pray thee, thy blessing to our children; that our sons and daughters may grow up as young plants, and with their age and stature may increase in wisdom and virtue, and in favor with God and man.

Thou, who hast commanded a due care of our relations, and abhorrest those who are void of natural affection, be favorable to my kindred, whether by blood or alliance; preserve among us all peace, friendship, and tenderness, and make us evermore ready to seek and rejoice in another's good.

O thou, who requirest us to love them that love us, pour out thy blessings great and manifold upon all thy friends and benefactors, all who have done or wish me well, many perhaps unknown to me; preserve them, O Lord, and keep them alive, that they may be blessed upon the earth, and deliver them not into the will of their enemies.

O thou, who hast pronounced that man worse than an infidel who is regardless of his own household, behold with thy favor every person belonging to this family; yea, let thy peace rest upon this whole house, and the Son of peace ever dwell in it.

O thou, who hast declared that our brotherly love must far exceed that of publicans and sinners, grant me never to be wanting in kindness and civil respect to all who live peaceably and quietly in my neighborhood, but cheerful, and in making suitable returns of love to all that love me. My own friends, my father's friends, and the children of both our friends, never let me ungratefully despise, neglect, or forsake.

O thou, who hast directed us to overcome evil with good, and hast expressly commanded our prayers for them that persecute us and despitefully use us, pardon and bless all that speak evil of me, all that have hated me with or without a

cause; some of them, perhaps, even for my good will, for speaking distasteful truth, or doing necessary justice; but, whatever the occasion or the offence may have been, when, if given on my part, I entreat thee and them to forgive, have the same mercy, O Lord, on all mine enemies as on myself, and bring them, I beseech thee, to thy heavenly kingdom, as I hope and pray thou wilt at length bring me.

Soften and convert those hardened foolish hearts, who, through ignorance or prejudice, contemn thy word and ordinances, who deride thy holy religion, and wilfully forbear and refuse to pray; give them a sorrowful sense of this evil heart of unbelief, and preserve others from the infection of such pestilent examples. And for a more effectual check to such daring and dangerous wickedness, assist and prosper all that are employed in any laudable undertaking, whereby the glory of thy name, the increase of thy Church, and the good of mankind, may be promoted and secured: particularly be pleased to reward an hundred-fold all who bountifully contribute of their substance to works of piety and charity.

Once more, therefore, I entreat thee to look down, gracious Lord, on all ages and conditions of men,—sucklings and infants, children and

young people, middle-aged and declining, old and bed-rid, the hungry and thirsty, the naked and sick, prisoners and strangers, those that have no settled dwelling while they live, and those who are destitute of friends to bury them when they die; all of superannuated understanding, or discontented or disturbed minds; all who labor under any temptation to destroy themselves, who are vexed with evil spirits, or driven to despair of thy mercy; the distressed in body or soul, the timorous or faint-hearted, the criminals and condemned to die, the orphans and widows, travellers by land or by water, women laboring with child, captives and slaves, in chains, in the mines, or in the galleys; all that wander about in caves and deserts, and all that lie expiring in the agonies of death.

Do thou, Lord, save both man and beast; for excellent is thy mercy, O God; and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

The Lord bless and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

A PRAYER WHICH MAY BE USED AT ALL TIMES.

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GRANT me, gracious Lord, a pure intention of my heart, and a steadfast regard to thy glory in all my actions; possess my mind continually with thy presence, and ravish it with thy love, that my only delight may be to be embraced in the arms of thy protection. Be thou a light unto mine eyes, music to my ears, sweetness to my taste, and a full contentment to my heart: be thou my sunshine in the day, my food at the table, my repose in the night, my clothing in nakedness, and my succor in all necessities.

Lord Jesus, I give thee my body, my soul, my substance, my fame, my friends, my liberty, and my life; dispose of me, and all that is mine, as it seemeth best to thee, and to the glory of thy blessed Name. I am not now mine own, but thine; therefore claim me as thy right, keep me as thy charge, and love me as thy child: fight for me when I am assaulted.

My Lord and my God, I beseech thee to give me patience in troubles, humility in comforts, constancy in temptations, and victory against all my ghostly enemies. Grant me sorrow for my sins, thankfulness for thy bene-

fits, fear of thy judgments, love of thy mercies and mindfulness of thy presence, for evermore. Make me humble to my superiors, and friendly to my equals; ready to please all, and loath to offend any; loving to my friends, and charitable to mine enemies. Give me modesty in my countenance, gravity in my behavior, deliberation in my speech, holiness in my thoughts, and righteousness in all my actions: let thy mercy cleanse me from my sins, and thy grace bring forth in me the fruits of everlasting life.

Lord, let me be obedient without arguing, humble without feigning, patient without grudging, pure without corruption, merry without lightness, sad without mistrust, sober without dulness, true without doubleness, fearing thee without desperation, and trusting in thee without presumption. Let me be joyful for nothing but that which pleaseth thee, nor sorrowful for any thing but that which doth displease thee; let that labor be my delight which is for thee, and let all the rest weary me that is not in thee. Give me a waking spirit and a diligent soul, that I may seek to know thy will; and when I know it, may I perform it faithfully, to the honor and glory of thy ever-blessed name. Amen.

BISHOP COSIM.

II.

O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we and all the members of thy holy Church may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. Amen.

LITURGY.

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for thy Holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we command to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate [especially —]; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

LITURGY..
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A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most

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humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men [particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them]. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, &c.

LITURGY.

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ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes

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and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

II.

O ALMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY.

III.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.

IV.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's

name, I beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear unto me, who have now made my prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which I have faithfully asked, according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of my necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY.





"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING."



APPENDIX II.

The Hours.

"The third, the sixth, and the ninth hours, they divide the day into even spaces of time, and are therefore allotted to prayer; that while we are intent upon other business and may forget our duties towards God, the very hour, when it comes, may put us in mind thereof. And how can we do less than three times in the day at least (besides morning and evening, which will invite us to prayer of themselves), fall down and worship the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"

ST. ISIDORE.

"NIGHT AND DAY PRAYING EXCUSINGLY."

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR FATHER, WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION; BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL; FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

The following Prayers—partly from Bpa. Andrewes, Cosin, and others, and partly from more ancient services—are not offered as if of any authority for general or individual use, but only as suggestions and aids to those who would so occupy the hours of the day. They who rising and lying down commend themselves in private prayer to God, and who in their families unite in the holy occupation of domestic worship by morning and evening, will have commemorated four of the hours. A few moments cannot surely without advantage be devoted to the three mid-day hours; and those who do so, if haply awaking in the midnight hour, and breathing a short but heartfelt aspiration to Him who seeth in darkness as in light, have in their measure remembered the hours of the Christian day.

"PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST."



The Third Hour.

"In the exercise of devotion and prayer, we read that the three children and the prophet Daniel, strong in faith, and victorious in captivity, observed the third hour of the day,—a mystery, no doubt, of the Holy and Blessed Trinity, which was afterwards to be made manifest, and a type of the Holy Ghost's descent at that very hour."

ST. CYPRIAN.



"I PRAY THE FATHER FOR YOU."

"AND IT WAS THE THIRD HOUR."

MARK xv. 26.

"IT IS BUT THE THIRD HOUR OF THE DAY."

ACTS ii. 15.

"Let your prayer be made at the third hour also; for then it was that Pilate gave sentence upon our Lord and Saviour to have Him crucified."

CONST. APOST.

"At the third hour of the day let us give ourselves to holy supplication and prayer, having in continual remembrance the most glorious gift of the Holy Ghost which was then bestowed upon the Apostles of Christ."

ST. BASIL.



The Third Hour.

At this hour particular remembrance may be made of children and godchildren.

It includes the time from nine o'clock till noon; and the prayers may well be used after breakfast, and before entering on the general employments and business of the day.

HYMN.

COME, Holy Ghost, who ever one
Art with the Father and the Son ;
Come, Holy Ghost, our souls possess
With Thy full flood of holiness.

Let mouth, and heart, and flesh combine
To herald forth our creed divine ;
And love so wrap our mortal frame,
Others may catch the living flame,

This grace on Thy redeem'd confer,
Father, coequal Son,
And Holy Ghost the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One.

Text.

God is love; and whosoever dwelleth in love
dwelleth in God, and God in him.

BP. ANDREWES.

O Thou who at the third hour didst send
down the Holy Ghost into Thine Apostles,

Take not away that same Spirit from us, but
renew Him daily in our hearts, and fill them with
the riches of His grace,

And save us.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

*Collect for the day ;
And then the Prayers following.*

BP. COSIN.

ALMIGHTY God, who as about this hour
didst instruct and replenish the hearts
of Thy faithful servants by sending down upon
them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us
by the same Spirit to have a right judgment
in all things; that we may both perceive and
know what things we ought to do, and also
may have grace and power faithfully to perform
the same; through the merits of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who was also at this hour con-
tent to receive the bitter sentence of death
for us, and now liveth and reigneth in the unity
of the same blessed Spirit, one God, world without
end. Amen.

RP. COSIN (*from the Confirmation Service*).

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, and the well-spring of all divine graces, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us, being born in sin, by water and the Holy Ghost in the blessed laver of baptism, thereby receiving us into the number of Thy children, and making us heirs of everlasting life in the communion of all Thy glorious saints;* strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with that blessed Spirit of Thine, the ghostly Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fulfil us, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, even through Him who sent down the Spirit upon His Church, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Look down upon us, O Lord, and upon those Thou hast given us, and whom we have dedicated unto Thee; (or) and all those who are pledged unto Thee in that holy sacrament (or both).

Doxologies.

The Lord's name be praised from the rising up of the sun to the going down thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

"PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER."

*Texts proper for the Seasons.***R&uent.**

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Lent.

Turn ye, even to me, with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning, and rend your hearts, and not your garments, saith the Lord Almighty.

Passion Week.

CHRIST suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.

Easter.

CHRIST being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him: for in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.

Saints' Days.

Now therefore are ye no more strangers and pilgrims; but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.

"GIVE YOURSELVES TO FASTING AND PRAYER."



The Sixth Hour.

"Besides, we observe the sixth hour, not only for that we find holy men before us to have done the like, both in the Old Testament, as Daniel in his chamber, and in the New, as Peter upon his house: but also for that our Lord Jesus Christ was at this hour exalted upon the cross, like the serpent in the wilderness, that whosoever turneth to Him might be healed."

ST. CYPRIAN.



"I HAVE PRAYED FOR THEM."

"AND IT WAS ABOUT THE SIXTH HOUR, AND THERE WAS DARKNESS OVER ALL THE EARTH."

LUKE xxiii.

"Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour.

ACTS x. 9.

"At noonday will I cry, and that instantly; and He shall hear my voice."

PS lv. 17.

"Let your prayers be made also at the sixth hour; for at that time was our Lord and Saviour crucified upon the cross for us."

CONST. APOST.

"Be instant in prayers with God, and worship Him that hung upon the cross, at the sixth hour of the day."

ST. ATHANASIUS.



The Sixth Hour.

At this hour particular remembrance may be made of the sick and afflicted members of Christ's body.

It includes the time from noon till three o'clock; and the prayers may be well said before partaking of the mid-day meal.

HYMN.

O God, the Lord of place and time,
Who orderest all things prudently ;
Brightening with beams the opening prime,
And burning in the mid-day sky :

Quench Thou the fires of hate and strife,
The wasting fever of the heart ;
From perils guard our feeble life,
And to our souls Thy peace impart.

This grace on Thy redeem'd confer,
Father, coequal Son,
And Holy Ghost the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One.

Text.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil
the law of Christ.

BP. ANDREWES.

O Thou who at the sixth hour didst nail the sins of the world to the same cross with Thyself,
Blot out the hand-writing of our offences which is against us,

And save us.

SAVE us, O blessed Saviour of the world, who, by Thy cross and precious blood, hast redeemed us; help us, we beseech Thee, O God of our salvation.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

Collect for the day;
And then the Prayers following.

BP. COSIM.

O LORD Jesus Christ, the blessed Son of God, who hast suffered death on the cross for us, that we might thereby be brought to eternal life, have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, both now and at the hour of death; and grant unto us Thy humble servants, with all other good people that have this Thy blessed passion in devout remembrance, a prosperous and godly life in this present world; and, through Thy grace, eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy

Ghost, Thou livest and reignest ever one God,
world without end. Amen.

S. BERNARD and T. à KEMPIS.

O LORD Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, who wast given both to be a sacrifice for sin and also an ensample of godly life, who didst bid us take up our cross daily and follow Thee, make, we pray Thee, the yoke of Thy commandments sweet, and the burden of Thy cross light, unto our souls. Conform Thy servants, O Lord, to the likeness of Thy passion. Give us grace, O Eternal Father, that we strive to keep the way of the holy cross, and carry in our hearts the image of Jesus crucified. Make us cheerfully resign ourselves to Thy divine will, that, being fashioned after His life-giving death, we may die according to the flesh, and live according to the spirit of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

Doxologies.

The Lord's Name be praised from the rising up of the sun to the going down thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

*Texts proper for the Seasons.***A**dvent.

In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwel' safely; and this is His name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.

Lent.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Passion **W**eek.

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow.

Easter.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept; for since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead; for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Saints' **D**ays.

Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.—Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of ^{the} and the faith of Jesus.

"WATCH AND PRAY."



The Ninth Hour.

"At this hour did the Sacraments of the Church flow from the side of our Saviour; the blood, whereby we are redeemed, and the water, wherewith we are regenerated. Jesus yielding up the ghost; the thief was admitted into Paradise; the laborers sent into the vineyard; and forgiveness of sins promised to them that repent and come unto Christ, even at the last hour. Pray we therefore," &c.

RUPINUS *de Die. Off.*



"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM."

"AT THE NINTH HOUR JESUS CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE,
AND GAVE UP THE GHOST."

MARK xv. 34.

"Peter and John went up together into the Temple at
the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour."

ACTS iii. 1.

"The Church hath ever been accustomed to interpret
one of the prophet's times of prayer to be the ninth hour,
and to observe it accordingly."

ST. JEROME.

"The ninth hour is accounted solemn and sacred; that,
remembering how Christ at this hour commanded His
Spirit into the hand of His Father, we also, with devout
prayers and supplications, might yield up to Him our souls
and bodies a living sacrifice."

RABBANUS MAURUS.



THE NINTH HOUR.

The Ninth Hour.

At this hour particular remembrance may be made of the dying, with commemoration of the faithful departed.

It includes the time from three o'clock to six; and the prayers may well be used after the business of the day is concluded.

HYMN.

O God, unchangeable and true,
Of all the life and power,
Dispensing light in silence through
Every successive hour:

Lord, brighten our declining day,
That it may never wane
Till death, when all things round decay,
Brings back the morn again.

This grace on thy redeemed confer,
Father, coequal Son,
And Holy Ghost the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One.

Text.

Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify
God in your body and in your spirit, which are
God's.

BP. ANDREWES.

O Thou who at the ninth hour for us sinners
and for our sins didst taste death,

Mortify our members which are upon the
earth, and whatsoever is contrary unto Thy will,
And save us.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

Collect for the day;

And then the Prayers following.

BP. COSIN (*from Sunday before Easter*).

ALMIGHTY God, who, of Thy tender love towards man, hast sent our Saviour Christ to suffer death upon the cross for us, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we who have this His most precious death and passion in continual remembrance, may both follow the example of His patience, and be made partakers of His glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

BP. COSIN.

HEAR us, O Lord, and remember now the hour in which Thou didst once command Thy blessed Spirit into the hands of Thy heav-

only Father; when with a torn body and a broken heart Thou didst show forth the bowels of Thy mercy, and die for us: we beseech Thee, O Thou brightness and image of God, so to assist us by this Thy most precious death that, being dead unto the world, we may live only unto Thee; and at the last hour of our departure from this mortal life, we may commend our souls into Thy hands; and that Thou mayest receive us into immortal life, there to reign with Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxologies.

Blessed, praised, and hallowed be the remembrance of Thy Name, O Lord, for all Thy saints, after whose example we commend ourselves, and one another, and our whole life, unto Christ our God; and pray that we, with all who from the beginning have pleased Thee, may be made partakers of Thine eternal and incorruptible benefits.

The Lord's Name be praised from the rising up of the sun to the going down thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

*Texts proper for the Seasons.***Advent.**

Her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged. For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel.

Lent.

Is not this the first that I have chosen, to deal thy bread to the hungry? and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Passion Week.

He committed Himself unto Him that judgeth righteously, who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, by whose stripes we are healed.

Easter.

CHRIST hath once suffered, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

Saints' Days.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Even so, saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours, and their works follow them.





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